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## Home Mission Board Presents Case In Request To Borrow \$3,000,000

BY COURTS REDFORD  
Executive Secretary

The Home Mission Board in its mid-year meeting at Glorieta, New Mexico, July 17, 1954, voted unanimously to ask the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for permission to borrow an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000.00 with which to greatly enlarge the ministry now being rendered by its Church Extension Loan Fund.

The \$3,000,000.00, if borrowed, will be loaned to churches less than seven years old to help them in the construction or purchase of houses of worship. The matter of granting the Home Mission Board permission to borrow the money was referred to the Executive Committee by the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting in St. Louis on June 3, 1954.

This loan will increase the ability of the denomination through its Home Mission Board to help construct additional buildings and will greatly encourage city mission committees, associational boards, and state conventions in their efforts to constitute new churches in the communities that now have no Baptist ministry. It is hoped that 5,000 new churches may be constituted in the Convention territory during the next four years. Increased loan funds will help greatly in reaching this goal.

The phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists, the extension of their ministry to new areas, the unusual movements of population, and the Southern Baptist program of advance combine with other factors to create an unusual demand for new churches and new buildings. If the proposed loan is secured many of these churches can be helped.

The service which the Home Mission Board can render by means of this proposed loan will be a blessing to every board and agency of the Convention. More and better churches constitute a major asset to our whole denominational life. They mean more souls won, more people in Sunday

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## Coop Program To Be Featured In Record Next Week

Next week's issue of the Baptist Record will feature the Cooperative Program with special emphasis on the \$1,500,000 goal for this year.

The issue will be 16 pages and will contain many articles and features related to our mission life-line.

Watch for your copy and read it carefully.

## Things In Columbus Should Become Wilder And Wilder In Future

Jim Wilder and Sam J. Wilder, brothers, have been elected Sunday School superintendent and Training Union director, respectively, of the First Church in Columbus for the coming year.

The two brothers have been active in the church for several years.

Sam J. Wilder has served several years previously as Training Union director while Jim Wilder is serving his first year as Sunday School superintendent.

Dr. S. R. Woodson is pastor.

## Hear The Baptist Hour

Rev. Paul M. Stevens, Director of the Radio and Television Commission of the SBC, will be the speaker for the Baptist Hour during September.

Topics for each Sunday are "Have You Lost Your Life Or Found It?", "Heaven's Best And Earth's Worst", "Religion Is A Family Affair", "The Will of God." Stations in Mississippi carrying the program are:

WDOB, Canton, 5 p.m.; WGLC, Centerville, 1:30 p.m.; WCLD, Cleveland, 5 p.m.; WACR, Columbus, 2:30 p.m.; WFOR, Hattiesburg, 10:15 p.m.; WMBC, Macon, 2:30 p.m.; WAPF, McComb, 9 a.m.; WCOC, Meridian, 4 p.m.; WPMP, Pascagoula, 4:30 p.m.; WRJW, Picayune, 1 p.m.; WSJU, Columbia; and WELO, Tupelo.

## Book Fair Exhibit At WMU Camp



Shown above is one of the nine booths featured at the State W.M. Camp held last week at Camp Gayway.

Left to right are Mrs. Chester L. Quarles, Jackson, Hinds county Mission study chairman, Miss Eva Leggett, member First Church Jackson, and Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, State mission study chairman.

Attendance records were broken when 1438 different women from over 200 churches over the state attended during the four days.

Every district was represented as well as more than 50 associations. One hundred stayed overnight.

"Love Demands" was the theme of the camp and the Book Fair was one of the features of the particular emphasis given to mission study.

The nine booths displayed featured Neighbors Here and There, Brazil, Alaska, Family Reading, Hearts the Lord Opened, Bibles, Missionary Round Table, W.M.U. Fundamentals, and Maps.

Visiting missionaries were Rev. and Mrs. Horace Fisher, Philadelphia missionaries to the Indians; Rev. Ben Lawton, Turin, Italy; Mrs. John Parker, Chile and Miss Edythe Montroy, Nigeria.

Conference leaders included: Miss Edwina Robinson, Mrs. Carl Kosanke, Miss Almarine Brown, Mrs. R. H. Young, Miss Nell Taylor, and Miss Nettie Ree Traylor, Jackson; Mrs. W. E. Hammah, Clinton; Miss Mary Northington, Tennessee; Mrs. Owen Cooper, Yazoo City; Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland; Mrs. J. T. Lyons, and Mrs. Felton Barnes, McComb; Mrs. Andrew Alexander, Greenville and Mrs. Willis Brown, Louisiana.

## RA Transfer In State From WMU To Brotherhood Scheduled For Nov. 1

### A Catechism Of Bible Teaching

By DR. JOHN A. BROADUS  
LESSON III. The Word of God.

#### PART I. THE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE.

1. How many separate books are there in the Bible? There are thirty-nine books in the Old Testament, and twenty-seven in the New Testament.

2. What are the five books of Moses? The five books of Moses are Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

3. What are the other historical books in the Old Testament? The twelve other historical books in the Old Testament are Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 and 2 Kings, 1 and 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther.

4. What are the five poetical books? The five poetical books are Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon.

5. Which are the four greater prophets? The four greater prophets are Isaiah, Jeremiah (with Lamentations), Ezekiel, Daniel.

6. Which are the twelve lesser prophets? The twelve lesser prophets are Hosea, Joel, Amos; Obadiah, Jonah, Micah; Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah; Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi.

7. What are the five historical books? (Continued On Page Eleven)

Nov. 1 will be an historic day in Mississippi as on that date the Royal Ambassadors, traditionally under sponsorship of the Woman's Missionary Union, are scheduled to be formally transferred to the Brotherhood Department of the State Convention Board.

Events on a Southern Convention-wide level leading up to the transfer in Mississippi were pictured in an article in last week's Baptist Record.

This week we take up the trend of events in Mississippi.

The Joint Southern Convention Brotherhood-WMU Committee on Royal Ambassadors recommended that the state Women's Missionary Unions take the initiative in working out plans in the states.

Mississippi WMU Executive Committee adopted the following recommendations, which were submitted to and approved by the Executive Committee of the State Convention Board:

1. That the promotion of Royal Ambassadors be transferred to the Brotherhood Department beginning November 1.

2. That the RA Promotion Committee be the Executive Secretary of the Brotherhood, Executive Secretary of WMU, Royal Ambassador Secretary and Young People's Secretary. This committee to function until the complete transfer of Royal Ambassadors be consummated.

3. That initial plans for promotion of RA on a local level be made (Continued On Page Two)

## Lay-Led Crusade Attracts 70,000 In Fort Worth

FORT WORTH, Tex., (BP)—This city, which probably has been more highly "evangelized" than any other in the southwest, has just experienced a new impact in the field of winning people to Christ.

This new approach to evangelism was a laymen led eight-night crusade in which the professional soul-winners—the preachers—sat on the sidelines and watched. More than 70,000 people attended the revival held in the city's high school football stadium.

The idea for the all-layman crusade was born several months ago when pastors in the Tarrant County Baptist Pastors' Conference were discussing whether to sponsor another youth revival this year.

Some of the pastors thought a new approach should be given this annual event. It was then that the idea of a laymen led revival was born. The pastors called in the officers of the Tarrant County

Brotherhood, composed of men of the 130 churches in the county. They accepted the responsibility.

Heading the all-layman team that conducted the crusade was Howard E. Butt, Jr., Corpus Christi, Tex., vice-president of the 62-store HEB food chain.

As master of ceremonies and song leader was Fred W. Smith, Cincinnati, O., who took time off from his job as vice-president of the Gruen Watch Company to participate in the crusade.

An extra feature of the crusade was the chalk drawings of Karl Steele, head of the art department of Wheaton College.

Fourth member of the team was Fague Springman, University of Maryland voice teacher, who served as soloist.

The other member of the team was Bill Mead, head of a chain of bakeries in Lubbock, Tex., who was business manager and coordinator.



**RA Transfer In State**

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by the promotion committee, assisted by a representative advisory committee, not to exceed twelve in number, of pastors, Brotherhood members and WMU members. This advisory committee to be selected by the promotion committee. The expenses of the Advisory Committee be shared jointly by the WMU and Brotherhood Department.

4. That the WMU President appoint a committee to study, and recommended to the WMU Board, policies as related to Royal Ambassador camps at Camp Garaywa.

Recommendation three called for an advisory committee to work with the promotion committee in formulating plans to recommend to our churches. The advisory committee was composed of Mesdames Andrew Alexander, Owen Cooper, J. T. Lyons and W. A. Stockton; Dr. Wyatt Hunter, Dr. Norman O'Neal, Mr. Sammy Platt, Rev. Troy Prince, Dr. Chester Quarles Mr. Marion Perry, and Rev. W. G. Watson.

After careful and prayerful consideration they submit these suggestions for

I. Churches that have a Brotherhood and a WMU.

II. Churches that have a WMU but do not have a Brotherhood.

We recommend that in each church the president of the WMU take the initiative and confer with the pastor concerning plans for promotion of RA.

The suggested plan for churches that have both a Brotherhood and a WMU is as follows:

**I. Special RA Committee**

That plans for the initiating of RA promotion be set in motion by a special committee composed of Pastor, serve as chairman

President of Brotherhood Activities Vice-president of Brotherhood

Boys' Work Committee Chairman

WMU President

WMU Young People's Director (Other members if desired).

We suggest that this committee be continued until the complete transfer of RA to the Brotherhood be consummated. The personnel of the committee may change if officers of the organization change.

**II. Duties of the Special RA Committee:**

1. Study and recommend to the church promotional plans for Royal Ambassadors.

2. Define and recommend to the church the responsibility of the Brotherhood and WMU for RA during the transition period.

3. Recommend to the nominating committee of the church the individuals to serve as RA Counselors.

4. Provide a leadership Clinic for Brotherhood officers, Boys' Work Committee and RA Counselors using Guide for Royal Ambassador Counselors and RA Manuals.

5. Study and recommend the best time and plan for RA chapter meetings—both Junior and Intermediate.

**III. Relationships**

1. RA Counselors responsible to the Special RA Committee.

2. RA Counselors make quarterly report to the Brotherhood of their church, using the blanks provided

**Perry County Enlisted 100% For Stewardship Revival**

Perry County is the first association in the state to announce 100 percent participation for Stewardship Revival 1954.

There are 17 churches in the county and all 17 churches have been committed to participate in their Revival to be held Oct. 31-Nov. 4.

Rev. A. R. Miller is the stewardship chairman and has revealed that Plan B will be used.

The association has already held its rally, at Beaumont church, with 14 of the 17 churches represented.

Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, Jackson, secretary Rual Church Work Department, was the inspirational speaker.

Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale is area missionary for Perry, Greene and George counties.

Several other associations are reporting practically 100 percent participation.

Associations that have not made plans for their rallies are urged to do so and report their plans to Joe Abams, Jackson, Director of Promotion.

**NORTH COLUMBIA DEDICATES NEW BUILDING**

Shown above is the new building recently completed, dedicated, and occupied by the members of North Columbia Church.

On Dedication Day, which marked the beginning of a week's revival services, Dr. A. L. Gatewood, pastor, First Church, Columbia, delivered the dedication message and Rev. Curtis Sanders led the dedicatory prayer at the afternoon dedication service.

During the revival, with Dr. Gatewood as the evangelist, there were 13 additions. Rev. John R. Eubanks is the pastor.

**Trinity Church Has Successful Revival**

Trinity Church, Vicksburg, has recently completed a very successful revival.

The visiting evangelist in the revival was Rev. Guy Henderson, pastor of Society Hill Church, Oakville.

Additions to the church were thirteen, five by baptism, and eight by letter.

by the state RA office.

3. RA Counselors request WMU for assistance as needed and desired, especially in these activities:

Mission Study  
Weeks of Prayer observance  
Focus Week

**IV. Responsibilities:**

1. Brotherhood

(1) Furnish leadership.

(2) Urge the church to provide needed equipment, supplies and material.

(3) Arrange for camp, congress and conclave attendance.

**2. WMU**

(1) Enlist boys in RA chapters.

(2) Assist when called on by the Counselors.

(3) Provide Counselors when requested.

The suggested plan for churches that have a WMU but do not have a Brotherhood is the same with the exception that two men, interested in boys, would serve on the special RA Committee and men of the church would furnish leadership otherwise.

**CALENDAR OF PRAYER**

September 6—Rev. Frank Armstrong, Associational Missionary, Oktibbeha-Zion; Admission of Fall Class for School of Nursing, Baptist Hospital.

September 7—Mrs. J. E. Richardson, Grenada Associational Training Union Director; P. A. Cockrell, Smith Associational Sunday School superintendent.

September 8—Rev. B. Dolfis Hardin, Oktibbeha Associational Chairman of Evangelism; Mrs. R. C. Bryan, Humphries Associational W. M. U. superintendent.

September 9—Rev. R. E. Courtney, Leake Associational Brotherhood President; Ruth Barlow, BSU President, Sunflower Junior College.

September 10—Mrs. Cecil Maples, Baptist Building; Joe Odle, Jr., Mississippi College, State BSU stewardship chairman.

September 11—Dr. John F. Carter, Clarke College faculty; Rev. Ira D. Eavenson, Trustee, William Carey College.

September 12—Transfer Church Membership Week; Dan Baker, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.

—BR—  
"He Must Increase" is the theme of the annual Mississippi College Pre-School Retreat which is to be held at Camp Garaywa September 6-8, according to an announcement made by Frank Horton, Baptist Student Union Director of the campus. Tuesday night has been set aside as freshman night at the retreat and at that time all freshmen will be the honored guests.

**PARKVIEW CHURCH IS ORGANIZED IN LELAND**

Parkview Church, Leland was organized with 32 charter members, by Rev. M. E. Perry, and Rev. H. C. Collins of Second Church, Greenville, July 11.

The church has been holding full time services since that date, with the exception of a Training Union in the City Hall, Leland, and 10 members have been added to the 32 charter members.

The church has purchased a lot on 7th street; a concrete foundation has been laid, studding erected, and the sub-siding applied, by the members who meet at the church site in the evening. Worship services are expected to begin in the church in September.

Sgt. E. W. Cooper, layman-evangelist, stationed at Greenville Air Force Base, has been acting in the capacity of interim-pastor.

**Home Mission Board**

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school, more students in Baptist colleges, more people supporting our Baptist program, and more money for all of our causes. The Home Mission Board will enjoy no benefit from this program of church extension that is not shared by all other denominational agencies.

The Home Mission Board has not asked the denomination to pledge or provide any additional security for this loan. The loan will be made by the banks to the Home Mission Board on the security that the Board itself is able to provide. It will be repaid in annual installments over a period of ten years. The money is not being borrowed to expend in current operation or in gifts to mission buildings. It will be loaned to churches only after careful surveys have been made and after the state executive secretary of that state has approved the loan. It will be secured by the integrity of the churches, for each application must be approved by the church in conference. No loan will be made for more than seventy-five per cent of the value of the completed property. The loan will be further secured by a first mortgage on the property and by limited personal endorsement covering the total amount borrowed.

Such security plus net interest earnings is entirely adequate to safeguard the funds the Board proposes to borrow. However, the Board now has a corpus of \$1,100,000.00 in the Church Extension Loan Fund and other tangible assets of \$2,500,000.00, exclusive of mission properties, all of which constitute a further guarantee that it will be able to make all payments on the \$3,000,000.00 loan as they fall due.

The borrowing of this \$3,000,000.00 will make the total working capital in all of the church loan funds of the Home Mission Board slightly more than \$6,500,000.00. With this we can accomplish much and we have faith to believe that other funds will be added as we go forward in our program of advance. Let us take this important step now. It will pay large dividends in church extension and in Baptist growth.

**165 Decisions Made At Camp Zion Youth Meet**

The annual Youth Conference at Camp Zion, sponsored by Myrtle Church, was held August 16-19.

Owned and operated by the Myrtle Church, the camp purposes "to inspire youth to live clean upright lives, instruct them in Bible doctrine, and to deepen their spiritual understanding." The church, its pastor, Rev. Percy Ray, and other interested persons pay the expenses with no expenses for the young people. Mr. Ray, the camp director, and counselors from other churches seek to help young people solve any problems they present.

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, spoke on "Jesus Above All." Other speakers, teachers, and workers included Rev. O. C. Robinson, Minister of Missions at First Church, Dallas, Texas; Dr. D. M. Nelson, president, Mississippi College; Rev. James W. Crumpton, pastor, Westside Church, Natchez; Evangelist Don J. Milam, Oklahoma City; Rev. H. W. Ayers, Liberty, South Carolina.

There were 572 registered, with representatives from ten states and from Cuba.

Decisions totalled 165, with 26 accepting Christ as Saviour, 6 giving their lives to become missionaries, 10 answering the call to the gospel ministry, one deciding to become a nurse, and 19 indicating their willingness to do special service as God revealed His will to them.

Chief John Davis of the Creek Indians of Oklahoma and several of his Indian people attended. Roque Silva and his family from Cuba were present, also.

The date for the 1955 Youth Conference is August 15-18.

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"Practicing co-operation is worth ten times as much as talking co-operation." Courts Redford, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Home Mission Board.

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## Our Moderators

As a rule, Baptist Associations have been fortunate in their choices of moderators. Most of them have been men who understood Baptists and their work.

They have presided with fairness and grace. Their leadership, marked by a feeling of "love for the brethren," has shown touches of good humor.

Moderators and assistant moderators deserve a word of commendation for their unsurpassed hospitality which has stimulated confidence and understanding among the messengers.

In recent years it has become apparent that the moderator has a much larger sphere of leadership than previously thought.

Previously moderators presided over the annual associational meetings. Today many moderators assume rightfully a place of leadership through which they guide the association into a thorough-going program of associational work.

Many associations today are moving forward in a progressive program of work due to the guidance and leadership of an alert moderator.

The office of associational moderator carries with it not only an honor but a distinct place of responsibility.

—BR—

## As Others Saw It

(Editor's Note: In order that our readers may get a cross section of Southern Baptist thought concerning the Southern Baptist Convention which recently met in St. Louis, we give below and will continue for a few weeks, some of the main thoughts of other Southern Baptist Editors. The editorial below, which is slightly condensed, is by Dr. L. L. Carpenter, Editor of the Biblical Recorder of North Carolina.)

The Convention in St. Louis was one of the most satisfactory in recent years. It was not the biggest or the noisiest or the most exciting, but the work done in the main was solid and substantial.

Most of the business attended to consisted of routine reports from the various boards, agencies, and institutions. The "Book of Reports," which contained copies of these various matters which came before the convention, made up a real book of 333 pages.

In four days' time the messengers were supposed to study and get in mind the needs of the various agencies, institutions, and boards and be able to vote intelligently on these matters concerning Southern Baptist work. The task, of course, was impossible, but most of the business is attended to by the boards themselves and especially at the semi-annual meetings of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Southern Baptist Convention in annual session cannot possibly be a deliberative body. It is always dangerous when any matter of importance involving a good many angles of fact and thought comes before the convention for popular vote. Some glib talker or a man with a strong emotional appeal may sway the convention to do an unwise thing. When various business mat-

ters come up involving a good deal of money or other practical matters, the convention may make a mistake.

Since we are on this question of problems and controversies, let us mention two rather heated discussions. One was concerning the moving of the headquarters of the Radio and Television Commission from Atlanta, Ga., to Fort Worth, Texas.

Instead of approving the recommendation of the commission to move immediately to Fort Worth, Texas, the matter was referred to the Executive Committee for careful study.

This was a wise decision. The matter needs to be studied at more length, and others in addition to those who are personally interested in the commission should have a chance to study it in an objective way. Other cities should be considered also.

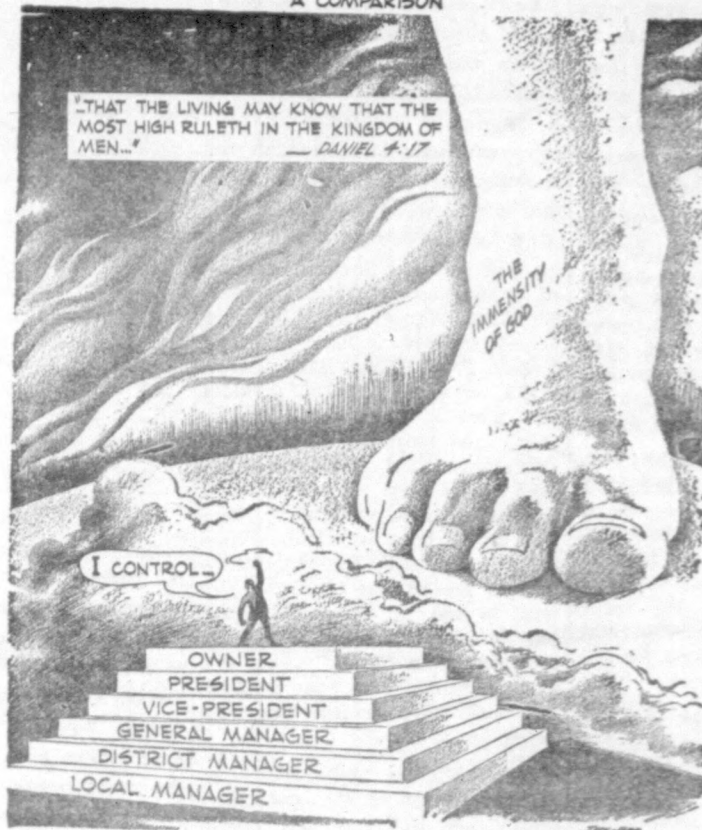
The decision allowing missionaries in Oregon and Washington, although employed by the Home Mission Board or other agencies of the convention, to help Baptist churches in Canada was very unwise. President Storer rightly and wisely, we think, ruled that such a matter was unconstitutional and so out of order. Because of a stampede in using the word "comity" in making many believe that somebody was trying to limit the work of Southern Baptists, the convention overruled the opinion of the president and voted to allow these missionaries in Oregon and Washington to work in Canada.

This matter should be reconsidered at the next meeting of the convention, and we should discontinue using our home mission money in Canada, which is a foreign country to us. We are spreading so thin and using our money so widely, the first thing we know the Southern Convention will fall apart.

We should certainly limit our Southern Baptist work to the United States and its territories as far as our agencies and boards, such as the Home Mission Board, are concerned.

The argument was that "Canada desperately needs the program which Southern Baptists alone can give." Editor John Hurt of The Christian Index wisely writes, "We doubt the Southern Baptist monopoly. We believe it will alienate our Canadian friends in the Baptist

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representatives of the church as a whole.

The grocery bill costs as much for the pastor as for higher paid professional men.

To keep his sermons interesting the pastor needs an up-to-date library. This in itself is a major expense.

Another major expense item is the pastor's car.

The fees of the professional man have been raised to offset his expenditures. The churches should follow suit in regard to their pastors' salaries.

John J. Hurt, Jr., editor of the Christian Index, expresses it this way:

"God called your pastor to the ministry. He led him to you and the pulpit of your church. God expects His church to pay His servant a salary worthy of his calling."

—BR—

## Our Readers Write

### CHURCH LEFT \$1000 GIFT

The will, the way, and the means to do with and we will work while it is yet day.

Three years ago the clerk of Philadelphia Church in Lincoln County was notified that the will of a former member of long ago had been made public after her death, and this little country church had been left \$1000 in her will.

The donor of this gift was Mrs. Ella Barrier who grew up in this community and was a member of this church in her girlhood.

She, no doubt, thoughtfully and lovingly left this gift in faith and hoped that it would be wisely and honestly used.

The members thankfully accepted the generous gift and set about planning what would be best to use this money for, as an outstanding memorial, to one who had loved this country church enough to leave such a gift to be used after her death.

She had expressed a desire on her last visit here to see a new cemetery fence with a double drive gate. This was the first project undertaken to carry out her wishes. A new double picket lawn wire fence was erected with steel posts and a double drive gate with brick pillar entrance has been completed by members, the material costing \$278.00.

The building being very old, the windows were in bad shape. A millwork place made new windows for \$108.00.

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### World Alliance."

It is foolish to argue otherwise. There are new worlds to conquer—but not all at once! Already the need in Oregon and Washington and other new states is such that the Home Mission Board is seeking \$3,000,000 in new money for church buildings. When the need is so great across some 10 or a dozen states in the western part of the United States, and these states are crying for Southern Baptist money, why should we extend our work across the border into our neighboring country of Canada, which is a part of the British Empire?

—BR—

## Do You Pay Your Pastor Adequately

Have you recently thought about your pastor's salary?

Budget committees, finance committees, and boards of deacons will soon be making suggestions for the 1955 church budgets.

Rev. Howard J. Ford in the Biblical Recorder wrote: "A few (pastors) are generously provided for. Some of us get more than we deserve. But hundreds of faithful pastors and religious workers are trying to carry on under great financial handicap. Religious workers hesitate to discuss this matter. They know that sacrifices are necessary. They want to avoid, at all costs, any suggestions that they are 'money hearted.' It is essentially a problem which must be thought through carefully and prayerfully by the laity."

With rising prices in everything, the pastor's expenses, of course, have increased accordingly.

The pastor usually is one of the most liberal givers in his church. He frequently finds cases that need immediate relief and gives without hesitation.

He and his family need to wear neat, proper clothing in keeping with their station because they are



## Sparks & Splinters

In a revival in the Ulanush Church, Coffeeville, Ala., the evangelist was Rev. A. T. Walker of the First Church, Petal. Rev. Aubret White is the pastor.

**RIDGECREST, Aug. 25** — This will be the biggest year in the history of the Assembly, reports Manager Willard K. Weeks. Registration already is well over the 25,000 mark, with crowds for Music Week expected to swell the total to 28,000.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: John E. Schooler, D'lo; Opal Burt, Brookhaven; Rev. W. M. Averett, Rich-ton; Jessie Ann McMillan, Rev. J. A. McMillan, Denny McMillan, and Maxine Boatman, Kilmichael; Mrs. Frank N. Shotts, Mendenhall; Bernell Floyd, Mendenhall; Billie Jo Grantham, Mathia Floyd, and Joe Hudson, Mendenhall; Mrs. J. A. McCain, Clinton; Mrs. E. W. Wallace, Mendenhall; Rev. Len D. Turner, Vicksburg; Rev. D. O. Horne, Centerville; Jack Southernland, Meridian; Mrs. D. R. Ott, Morton; Mrs. Percy Gordy, Morton; Mrs. H. B. Dodson, Columbus; Mrs. C. O. Daniels, Columbus; Mrs. Rush Strinson, Columbus; Mrs. Albert Darnell, Columbus.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BP)** Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., Nashville, Tenn., has been named part-time director of public relations for the Kentucky Baptist Executive Board, W. C. Boone, secretary, announced. Bryan, promotional writer and associate editor of the Sunday School Builder, Baptist Sunday School Board, will assume his new duties September 1. At that time he will enroll in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to complete his work for the B. D. degree. A layman, he is furthering his preparation for the field of religious journalism.

Dr. C. Roy Angell, pastor Central Church, Miami, will be the evangelist for the Revival set for Sept. 20-26 at First Church, Brookhaven. Rev. Brooks Wester is the pastor.

"We must not write any geographical lines in our Cooperative Program because they are not written in the great commission," C. C. Warren, president, Executive Committee, SBC.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Mrs. W. W. Boals, Gainesville, Florida; Jean Ainsworth, Jackson; V. C. Windham, Hattiesburg; A. T. Walker, Petal; Ivor L. Clark, Noxapater; B. E. Padgett, Kosciusko; Mrs. Ellis A. Sylar, Carol Ann and Bob Sylar, Jackson; Masie Taylor, Johnell Cooley, Linda Faye Ashley, Patsy Jane Deer, Rachel Allen, Robert Allen, Mrs. R. A. Langley, Charles Grayson, Edwin H. Slay, Pinola; Sammie Glen, Harrisville; Rodney Taylor, Harrisville; L. R. White and family, Pleasant Grove.

**NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)** Four thousand persons read five thousand books during the season at Ridgecrest Assembly, stated Miss Florida Waite, as she reported that during W.M.U. Week 765 books were circulated from the model church library at Ridgecrest, which tops the record for any single week this summer.

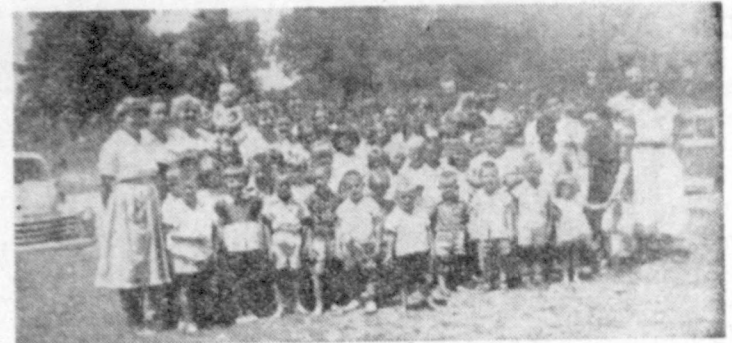
There were 5,219 churches which reported no baptisms last year. The two years (1950, 1951) when Baptists worked together in simultaneous revival campaigns were the two greatest years for Southern Baptists. In those two years 751,610 people were baptized.

Almost every church today is either in the midst of a building program of some kind or has just finished one or is planning one. Arthur W. Lumley, experienced church fund-raiser, author of RAISING MONEY FOR CHURCH PROJECTS, says that "whatever the building project, if it is sizable, there is only one satisfactory way to provide the funds — put on a well-planned, well-managed, well-organized campaign designed for pledges." The book deals with projects that require more capital than can be supplied by regular annual pledges and Sunday offerings. He sets up a timetable of what to do from the first step of deciding to build through the last step of insuring the completed structure. He gives complete details of the method that churches of all sizes and situations have proved to be the one best way to raise substantial amounts of money. Order from the Baptist Book Store or from Abingdon Press, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee (\$2).

Dr. Reuben A. Torrey was an inspired evangelist, teacher, and writer who lived in the time of Dwight L. Moody. With gospel singer Charles W. Alexander he made an evangelistic tour of Australia, New Zealand, India, and Great Britain during which more than 100,000 people publicly confessed Christ as their personal Saviour. Published by Fleming H. Revell Company, 316 Third Avenue, Westwood, New Jersey, and with an introduction by George T. B. Davis, THE TREASURY OF R. A. TORREY includes only those chapters which are supreme and most representative of Torrey's writings. Much of this has been out of print for a long time. One of the most outstanding chapters in the book is entitled "How to Be Unspeakably Happy." Torrey repeats the age-old truth, "If you want to find 'joy unspeakable and full of glory,' simply believe on the Lord Jesus Christ." Order this newly published book from the Baptist Book Store or from the publisher for \$2.50.

Ralph William (Bill) Hollaway, 30 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lee Hollaway, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, was stricken with polio on July 23. He is improving and still has no paralysis. The doctors say they cannot know definitely about whether or not there will be paralysis until he is well. The family, now home on furlough, ask the prayers of Southern Baptists that there will be no permanent injury. They are now at the home of Mrs. Hollaway's parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Daily, Route 1, Arkadelphia, Ark.

**TOLEDO (RNS)** At the request of the Retail Clerks Union, A.F.L., the Toledo law director has warned six city stores that they will face prosecution unless they heed a 10th century Ohio law against the "desecration of Sunday." The stores involved in the warning sell television sets, furniture, floor coverings and appliances. The Ohio statute provides that "no person who is over 14 years of age shall engage in common labor or open or cause to be opened a building or place for transaction of business or require a person in his employ or under his control to engage in common labor on Sunday." The law makes exceptions for "work of necessity or charity."



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School group of the Union Church Baptist Church in Jefferson County. There were 75 enrolled with an offering of \$21.52. Mrs. L. W. Wilson was principal. Rev. Harry P. Dayton is the pastor.

The annual revival will be held September 12-17. Rev. A. B. Pierce, pastor of Crestwood in Jackson, will be the evangelist.

Itta Bena Baptists have just completed a successful revival. Dr. Allen O. Webb, a native Mississippian and son of the Itta Bena Church, who is now pastor of the First Church of Bay City, Texas, was the guest preacher. Ralph Young, Pascagoula, led the singing and held forums for the young people as an after-service and organized his famous Youngmen's Club which attracted Primaries and Juniors. There were 11 additions by baptism, 1 by letter, 34 rededications, and 2 surrendering for full-time Christian service. Rev. W. Otis Seal is the pastor.

**THE DIRECTORY OF THE DEVOUT LIFE** is a series of twenty practical messages that make excellent sermon material. It lays the foundation for an effective series of messages on the Sermon on the Mount or for individual sermons on Matthew 5-7. The author, F. B. Meyer, was a writer unsurpassed in the field of devotional and expository studies. He said that "there is too much of mere sentiment and emotion in what goes by the name of religion, and too little practical Christian living." The Sermon on the Mount must be read in the transfiguring light which shines backwards from the later events in our Lord's life. When, however, this is borne in mind, each sentence of that marvellous discourse glistens with celestial radiance, and rings with the music of the Gospel." Order from the Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan or from the Baptist Book Store (\$2).

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were Ray Loftin; Eugene Purser, John McNair, Elton Kennedy, Louise Prince, Joyce Purser, Linda Prince, Rebecca Leach, David Fortenberry, Joyce Valentine, Ann Mason, Grace Mason, Kathryn Roberts, Nancy Maddox, Magee; O. R. Daniels, Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

The first court of three apartment houses on the campus of Baptist Bible Institute at Graceville, Florida, is now being occupied in preparation for the official opening of school September 7. Already constructed on the new campus is a classroom building, temporary administration building and three apartment houses. A trailer court prepared for student needs is already partially occupied. President A. H. Stainback, in making the report, stated that plans to open September 7 are proceeding on schedule and that adequate preparation is being made to take care of the total student body needs.

First Church, Purvis, will hold revival services September 5-12 with Rev. R. T. B. Leavell, pastor, First Church, Newton, as the evangelist. James Hayes, Center Terrace Church, Canton, will lead the singing. This will be the second revival held at First Church, Purvis, this year. Rev. Paul H. Leber is the pastor.

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## Our Readers Write

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The piano was also in bad condition, so it was decided to purchase a new piano. A new piano now graces the auditorium at a church cost of \$496.00.

Also a new roof has been put on the building. After selling the old piano and the old roof, we still have \$100.00 with which we hope to do a new paint job this fall.

This church also has another member who has never forgotten his boyhood church with his regular giving. Although living in New Mexico, a retired Army officer, Colonel Sheldon W. Anding made the church a gift of \$1,000.00 Trust Fund which pays a quarterly dividend of \$11.00 beside his love offering to the church.

May God ever bless those who are so thoughtful of His church and its progress.

MRS. ELMER DURR

## MY MOTHER

I find myself thinking of the thousands of miles both land and sea that separate us from our loved ones back in the good old U. S. A., and the fact that their fellowship is missed so much. And when one looks upon the prevailing conditions here in this land that has been torn by war and strife, seeing the thousands that have no place to live, nothing to eat and nothing to wear, will cause one to reach out for that which will comfort and strengthen one so far away from home. Then of course there is no one to turn to but the Lord.

Then I looked to the Lord and waited upon Him. He caused me to remember the good things back home. The church that has always meant so much to me and my family. He caused me to think of faithful pastors that have shown an interest in me. He caused

me to think of Christian friends and what they have meant to my life. Then as I came to think of my fine Christian mother and all that she means to me the Lord made it possible for me to live the life that my church, my mother and the Lord would be pleased with.

The prayers of mother and her faithfulness to her Lord and church and the Christian training that she has given to me has greatly paid off. They have the means of strength and comfort while so far from. Proverbs 22:6. "Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." has been proven true.

From a son in Korea  
James M. Broome

—BR—

Dear Dr. Goodrich:

I'm very sorry I neglected my subscription. I never realized how much it

meant to me until it stopped.

Comment: Mississippi Baptists just cannot keep up with Baptist work around the world without the Baptist Record.

—BR—

My dear Mr. Goodrich:

Just want to congratulate you on your stand on the part the Convention played recently in approving action of Supreme Court in regards segregation.

Truly was uncalled for, they weren't in politics and we have fought all these years to keep church and state separate. I do sincerely hope the churches let the President and those responsible know that we do not sanction such action. I know several Baptist churches who have already suggested withdrawing from the association.

Regret so very much such action was taken at the Convention concerning the Supreme Court's decision. Seems we have only the churches left in which we may have some peace and comfort and now that is threatened.



## Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary  
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary  
MISS JACQUELINE HEWITT, Associate  
MISS JOYCE SUTTON, Office Secretary



The above picture is that of the Vacation Bible School in the O-Tuckolofa Baptist Church in Yalobusha Association.

Miss Mary Ruth Mangum and Miss Mary Catherine Sansing, both of Jackson, directed the school, which was a good one and brought many blessings to the church and community.

### BE SURE TO REPORT

We have come to the close of another Vacation Bible School season, and what a great time it has been.

Eternity alone can reveal all the blessings that have come to the churches through these schools.

The Vacation Bible school makes as large permanent contribution to the life and work of a church as any program we can promote for the same length of time.

If your Vacation Bible school report has not been sent in, please do so at once. We do not want to miss a single school this year. Unless they get in early, they cannot be counted in the summary of the year's work that gives all the facts and figures on these schools.

Report blanks will be gladly sent on request.

**McADENVILLE ADDS 35 PER CENT IN TWO SUNDAYS**  
Wilson W. Padgett, Pastor  
McAdenville, North Carolina

A Million More in '54! The words kept ringing in my mind as I returned from an associational Sunday school meeting held in the Gaston association. How wonderful it would be to see this goal reached! How many new converts it would mean in our churches!

In the next officers and teachers meeting we discussed the possibilities of increasing enrollment and

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attendance. Our census had clearly shown that the people were available. Possibilities were for a doubled enrollment IF . . . The big if was more space. A committee had talked with a Sunday School Board architect. He said, "You have space for an enrollment of 300." We had 300 already enrolled with an average attendance of 269 for 1953. There was not a single space but what was in use. A building program was in the fund raising and planning stage, but would not be under construction until spring of 1955. We left the meeting without much hope of an increase in enrollment, but with the promise to do our best with what we had until our building program provided the badly needed space.

A way to have a part was found. One of our men raised the question about the possibility of a branch Sunday school. For the past six years the census had shown that one section of the community was crowded with Baptists and Baptist inclined people who were not being reached by any church. We attempted to reach them through visitation and the use of a church bus. We had only minor success. This section of our town has geographical barriers. A small lake and two highways set it apart from the rest of the town. These and other problems made it difficult to reach them with our church.

After prayer and discussion the pastor was asked to take a committee and see about the possibility of securing a house in which to begin the project. A large two story house was secured. The church selected ten of its most experienced workers to serve as a starting force of workers. We were ready to open the first Sunday in August.

Attendance the first day was 99. The second Sunday the enrollment grew to 106 with 122 in attendance. In two weeks the over-all enrollment of our Sunday school has grown 35 per cent. With the 10 per cent gain in the main school, we have a 45 per cent gain.

On the second Sunday there were 50 lost people in the branch school. Of the 47 adults attending over half were not professing Christians. Only 3 intermediates out of 15 had ever made a profession. Nearly all of the Juniors were lost. God has opened new and great opportunities for our church. A new spirit of service and compassion has gripped our people.

If your association meets in October, you can during September have a vital part in "A Million More in '54."

### DON'T FORGET CRADLE ROLL AND EXTENSION DEPTS.

Churches are now filling out their letters to the Association.

In doing this, be sure and add the enrollment of the Cradle Roll and Extension departments of the Sunday school to the total enrollment of the school. They count just like all other groups.

## 100 Churches Leading In Cooperative Program Gifts First Nine Months

NOV. 1, 1953 - JULY 31, 1954	
1-Jackson, First	36,666.69
2-Jackson, Calvary	33,918.06
3-Gulfport, First	24,565.42
4-Columbus, First	22,166.67
5-Meridian, First	18,073.61
6-Brookhaven, First	16,603.92
7-Tupelo, Calvary	16,375.30
8-Meridian, 15th Ave.	15,703.12
9-McComb, First	15,455.84
10-Grenada, First	14,999.79
11-Picayune, First	12,813.66
12-Crystal Springs, First	12,322.69
13-Vicksburg, First	11,124.91
14-Jackson, Parkway	10,750.00
15-New Albany, First	10,543.87
16-Pascagoula, First	10,330.60
17-Canton, First	9,612.33
18-Yazoo City, First	9,102.25
19-Kosciusko, First	9,068.36
20-Jackson, Daniel Mem.	9,000.00
21-Hattiesburg, First	8,833.31
22-Laurel, First	8,693.56
23-Philadelphia, First	8,238.26
24-Greenwood, First	7,757.08
25-Columbia, First	7,631.37
26-Hattiesburg, Main St.	7,565.25
27-Biloxi, First	6,943.56
28-McComb, East	6,866.73
29-Hazlehurst, First	6,686.00
30-Clinton	6,394.15
31-Leland, First	6,275.03
32-Greenville, First	6,250.00
33-Quitman, First	6,248.40
34-Tupelo, Harrisburg	6,190.88
35-Belzoni, First	5,932.94
36-Cleveland, First	5,724.98
37-Calhoun City, First	5,473.19
38-Meridian, Poplar Springs Drive	5,364.55
39-Carthage, First	5,204.00
40-Jackson, Alta Woods	5,128.97
41-Corinth, First	5,124.66
42-Pontotoc, First	5,102.23
43-Hattiesburg, Temple	4,850.00
44-West Point, First	4,746.37
45-Durant, First	4,693.76
46-Meridian, 41st Ave.	4,629.59
47-Meridian, Southside	4,608.60
48-Moss Point, First	4,400.00
49-Holly Springs, First	4,131.58
50-Aberdeen, First	4,107.32
51-Charleston, First	4,057.99
52-Wiggins	3,878.15
53-Batesville, First	3,789.88
54-Jackson, Van Winkle	3,600.00
55-Jackson, Crestwood	3,555.39
56-Tylertown, First	3,539.00
57-Lucedale, First	3,475.02
58-Monticello	3,467.31
59-Drew, First	3,462.04
60-Indianola, First	3,439.39
61-Natchez, First	3,413.25
62-Jackson, Northside	3,268.83
63-Union, First	3,247.31
64-Liberty	3,163.00
65-Laurel, Second Ave.	3,160.57
66-Newton, First	3,144.15
67-Laurel, West	3,000.07
68-Itta Bena, First	2,967.68
69-Magee	2,925.00
70-Clarksdale, Oakhurst	2,923.82
71-Sardis, First	2,900.00
72-Ruleville, First	2,722.00
73-McComb, Central	2,689.62
74-Greenwood, Calvary	2,686.36
75-Amory, First	2,664.40
76-Bunker Hill (Marion)	2,649.46
77-Forest	2,633.77
78-Water Valley, First	2,631.09
79-Starkville, First	2,624.98
80-Meridian, Highland	2,615.13
81-Eupora, First	2,603.59
82-McComb, South	2,600.00
83-Oxford, First	2,559.66
84-Booneville, First	2,475.00
85-Clarksdale, First	2,386.85
86-Blue Mountain, Lowmy	2,375.97
87-Tupelo, First	2,357.19
88-Petal-Harvey	2,340.00
89-Canton, Center Terrace	2,330.03
90-Friendship (Pike)	2,310.01
91-Jackson, Broadmoor	2,307.85
92-Jackson, West	2,268.42
93-Jackson, Griffith Mem.	2,250.00
94-Mt. Olive, First	2,200.00
95-Okolona, First	2,167.17
96-Moss Point, East	2,162.50
97-Lumberton	2,127.71
98-Mendenhall	2,060.82
99-Lyon	2,036.34
100-Flora, First	2,000.00
-Summit	2,000.00
-Marks, First	2,000.00

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### Eureka Church Progresses

Eureka Church, Rankin Association, goes forward under the leadership of Rev. O. E. Nelson, who began his pastorate last March.

The Sunday School and Training Union have doubled in attendance.

The church has purchased Broadman Hymn Books and plans are underway to remodel the building.

The regular summer revival proved to be truly a church revival with two professions of faith. The pastor is teaching the study course, Living in the Faith.

Eureka was recently represented at the Associational Training Union Meeting for the first time in the history of the church.

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### Dallas Baptists Campaign Against Lurid Comics

DALLAS, Tex. (RNS). . . A campaign against lurid and horror comic books was voted by the Dallas Baptist Association which said that "perverted literature on crime and sex has contributed much to the recognized moral breakdown within our society."

"We believe in the freedom of the printed page," a resolution said, "but literature that imprisons the mind to immorality, creates disrespect for human life and produces disregard for law enforcement can never be classified as a freedom to be desired in a land that was founded upon moral righteousness."

The association pledged to "arouse our constituency to an awareness of this menace" and called upon Dallas authorities to ban the sale of lurid literature in the area. The Baptists also decided to "pursue more intensively our own educational, inspirational and recreational programs."

## Sumrall Calls New Pastor



REV. T. F. COOPER

Rev. T. F. Cooper has recently accepted the pastorate of Sumrall Church in Lamar County.

Mr. Cooper, an Alabamian, attended Mars Hill Junior College, N. C.; Howard Payne College and Baylor University, Texas.

He has been pastor of churches in Texas, Arkansas and Illinois and has done missionary work in Texas and Arkansas.

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Lincoln County Pastor's Conference will resume meeting after the summer months recess Monday, Sept. 6 at 10 at Brookhaven First Church. According to its president, Rev. Harold Douglas, the highlight of the program will be Bible Study by Rev. James L. Travis. Officers for another year will be elected. Reports of summer activity will be given by each pastor. The pastors' wives will meet also at 10 with a program until 11 when they will prepare dinner for everyone.

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### NEGRO GIRLS' CAMP REGISTERS 142

Under the sponsorship of Woman's Missionary Union of Mississippi, a Red Circle missionary camp was held August 9-13 at Edwards, Miss., for the Negro girls of our state. 115 girls were present, along with a splendid group of Negro leaders and mission representatives of other racial groups. A balanced program of recreation, mission classes, methods periods, worship, missionary messages, handicraft, food, and rest was arranged for this group.

### NEGRO MISSIONARY PRESENT

Miss Winifred Borroughs, missionary to Suben, Liberia, has served for 16 years under the Foreign Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. She exerted a wholesome, missionary influence over the entire Negro camp as she lead the Bible Hour, showed mission slides, and spoke of her work in Liberia.

### 12 DECISIONS FOR MISSION SERVICE

At the decision service led by Japanese-Hawaiian Ronald Takemori, 12 Negro girls made decisions for Christ. All of them indicated a desire to serve as missionaries, some as missionary nurses.

### RAINBOW COURT

15 girls took part in the Rainbow Court on Thursday night, in recognition of the acceptable work they had done in their Red Circle Rays. Rays is the system of missionary advance for Negro Girls, corresponding to Forward Step in Girls' Auxiliary. Girls were recognized

for the 3 Rays of Starter, Seeker, and Lifter.

Mrs. Lillian Moore, Magnolia, former Negro field worker, directed this camp; camp was planned by Nell Taylor, Young People's Secretary, W. M. U. Department. Other helpers included Nell Magee, BSU Secretary, Jones County Jr. College; Maria Vazquez, Cuba; Gladys Saavedra, Chile; Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Takemori, Hawaii.

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REPORTS

School	Enrol.	Offg.
West Marks	118	7.83
Midway (Leake)	29	3.45
New Hope (Sunflower)	70	7.52
Kokomo	80	2.45
McLain First	149	28.75
Leaf River (Smith)	85	
South Cross Roads (Tishomingo)	48	3.90
Mt. Moriah (Tishomingo)	78	9.27
Mt. Vernon (Tishomingo)	58	4.43
New Liberty (Tishomingo)	71	7.50
New Prospect (Tishomingo)	71	7.50
Paden	97	6.62
Tishomingo	48	18.51
Walker (Itawamba)	98	2.17
Trinity (Itawamba)	94	12.63
Salem (Itawamba)	87	3.42
Providence (Itawamba)	36	3.02
Fairview (Itawamba)	35	2.69
Antioch (Itawamba)	36	1.07
Meridian, Highland	285	59.42
Philadelphia, First	245	32.21
Mt. Zion (Negro)	107	
Ludlow	28	16.55
Willis Hicks Memorial (Calhoun)	181	
Union Church (Union)	75	21.52
Hebron (Jones)	30	11.25
Greenville, First	112	17.46
Liverpool (Yazoo)	21	4.15
Eden (Yazoo)	72	5.00
Ogden (Yazoo)	32	5.36
Canaan (New Choctaw)	71	4.96
Calvary (New Choctaw)	32	3.81
Bogue Homa (New Choctaw)	44	3.61
Bogue Chitto (New Choctaw)	146	2.05
Pine Bluff (New Choctaw)	48	4.99
Mt. Zion (New Choctaw)	30	3.77
Hopewell (New Choctaw)	73	4.33
Hope (New Choctaw)	111	3.53
Cowart (Tallahatchie)	305	9.00
Hattiesburg, Central	34	14.00
Success (Gulf Coast)	104	16.00
Everett (Simpson)	58	12.94
Siloam (Simpson)	46	9.00
Indian Springs (Perry)	33	3.30
Alexander Memorial (Washington)	104	10.84
Beulah (Attala)	27	2.53
Leflore	86	8.50
Good Water (Smith)	45	3.62
Mt. Moriah (Calhoun)	38	2.72
Prospect (Chickasaw)	38	5.05
Drivers Flat (Calhoun)	48	3.35
Hollandale	102	15.67
Zion Springs (Negro)	40	1.00
Pilgrim's Rest	56	15.58
Camp Ground (Yalobusha)	93	
Ford's Creek (Mission School)	34	8.32
Centerville (Negro)	168	8.00
Pleasant Green (Negro)	230	19.82
Red Lick	36	9.00
Ellard (Calhoun)	36	9.81
Mt. Comfort (Calhoun)	46	5.07
Victory (Calhoun)	43	2.38
Serepta (Calhoun)	81	12.42
Mt. Zion (Smith)	31	2.90

## BAPTIST HOSPITAL ALUMNAE TO MEET SATURDAY, SEPT. 4

Mississippi Baptist Hospital School of Nursing will have an Alumnae Reunion Saturday, September 4. This is the first alumnae meeting ever to be held, and the beginning of an association to meet annually.

Registration will begin at 2:30 in the educational building. A tour of the hospital and campus will precede the picnic on the campus scheduled for 5:30.

The program for the evening includes greetings from W. Wilson Turner, administrator, and Miss Barbara Odum, Director of Nurses. Student nurses will furnish musical entertainment and Rev. Carey Cox will lead a Memorial Meditation.

Plans for the 1955 meeting will be made at the business session at the close of the evening's entertainment.

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## GOODYEAR, PICAYUNE CALLS J. L. GILBERT



REV. JOHN GILBERT

Goodyear Church, Picayune, recently called Rev. John L. Gilbert as pastor. He is the son of Rev. Martin J. Gilbert, secretary of Department of Rural Church work.

Mr. Gilbert was released from the Navy in June after a period of two years service as chaplain. While serving as chaplain, he visited some of our mission fields in Cuba.

Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert, with their two sons, moved on their new field on August 21. They were welcomed to the church by a group of friends with refreshments and a pounding of all kinds of food to stock their pantry.

Mr. Gilbert is well known in Mississippi, having served as pastor at Soso, South Laurel, Antioch in Jeff-Davis, and Santa Rosa churches.

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## Indian Springs (Perry) Holds Youth Revival

A youth revival was recently held at Indian Springs Church in Perry County. Rev. H. W. Nix of Calvary Church, Phoenix, Arizona, son of the pastor, Rev. S. E. Nix, did the preaching.

There were 16 additions, 7 for baptism and 9 by letter, and several rededications.

Marie Baxter, Wade, was the pianist.

## Baptist Student Union

CHAS. W. HORNER, Secretary  
MRS. FAY IVEY, Office Secretary  
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### Surrender To Preach . .



A. L. Courtney Bill Andrews

Dear Charlie:

Enclosed is a couple of pictures. One of each of the boys who surrendered to preach this year.

A. L. was and is our president of BSU and hails from Jackson, Alabama. He is 19 years old and is a Sophomore in college. He has preached several sermons for us here and is very able in the work.

Bill is our devotional chairman for next year and hails from Evansville, Indiana. He is also 19 years old. He was converted in our group prayer service while we were up at Cleveland for the Spring Retreat. He was baptized on the 2nd Sunday of June and made his surrender public the same Sunday.

We are expecting great things out of these two young men as they come back to our campus this fall. They are really on fire for God and are fearlessly ready to tell the world of His marvelous love. If you can give them a nice write up

we will certainly be grateful. This is the first time that this sort of blessing has ever come to Scooba Church and all the members seem to be sold on B.S.U. as a result. This is what we have prayed for and needed in order to make a go of this movement among the students.

Yours,  
T. R. Coulter  
—BR—

### Youth-Led Revivals Are Deemed Success . .

We quote, in part, from two letters we've recently received concerning Youth-led Revivals held this summer:

"In many ways it enriched the lives of our young people and strengthened the relations between our adult members and youth. . . We think enough of Youth-led Revivals to be planning for another and it is our conviction that this type revival meets a need that is in every church."—M. G. Reedy, Pastor, Ruleville Baptist Church.

"In regard to the Revival, we had a good one. There were a large number of reconsecrations, 6 young people indicated that they believed the Lord was calling them to full time Christian service of some kind. . . one of our finest young men surrendered to preach. Five were received by letter, eight for baptism." Robert W. Martin, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ruleville.

## Meeting Tomorrow's Needs Today Is Feature Of New Protection Plan

BY CHESTER L. QUARLES  
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

"Meeting Tomorrow's Needs Today" is the feature of the new Southern Baptist Protection Plan which is available now to those eligible persons who did not join the Minister's Retirement Plan or Minister's Security Plan before July 1.

Those eligible in Mississippi are pastors and any other full-time paid male church employees. This is true in only three other states, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Florida.

In all other states only pastors and educational directors are eligible to participate in this Plan.

Features of the new Protection Plan are a larger possible annuity than under the previous plans, a \$900 per year maximum disability benefit, a larger possible widow's protection, a new lump sum benefit for those who die without leaving a widow and possibility of early retirement at age 60.

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The maximum salary on which it can be paid is \$4,000 or maximum payments of \$16.67 per month from each.

Women church employees are

not eligible to join this New Plan but can still join the Minister's Retirement Plan (3 percent).

Information on the new Protection Plan will be mailed early in September to all eligible persons in the state.

—BR—

At a recent meeting of the Alaskan Baptist Convention, Rev. John N. DeFoore of Sidon was elected President. He has been pastor of the Calvary Church, Anchorage, Alaska, for the past three years.

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## Music Department

W. C. MORGAN, Secretary

### MUSIC WEEK AT MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE A REAL HIGHLIGHT

The Music Department has been busy winding up the business of a great week at Mississippi College, August 2-6. The entire personnel of Mississippi College joined one-hundred percent in making the faculty and student body of our school welcome and happy. The enrollment reached 300. The spirit was unexcelled. The teaching was superior.

The students will take back to their respective churches information, materials, and inspiration. Make this effort count in your church. Look forward to August 1-5, 1955, when we will have the next State School of Church Music.

### CHURCH MUSIC AWARDS

We are receiving requests for awards in the Church Music Department in almost every mail. We are almost over the goal for the year in our award program. If your church has held a School of Music using one of the text books listed on the course of study, don't fail to send in the request for awards. Request for award blanks are available from the Music Department upon request.

The primary purpose of the Music School is not to give an award, but to give training to the people

in the area of music. However, the only way to make the people conscious of the fact that we now have a great music study course program is to make a request for the awards and let it be known.

### STATE MUSIC FESTIVAL COMING

The next outstanding event on a state-wide level is the State Music Festival to be held November 26, First Church, Jackson. 3,250 people are qualified to enter this program. Materials will be sent to the leaders of the choirs and ensembles and all hymn players sometime in September. Start organizing and prepare for the State Music Festival NOW.

### TO ASSOCIATIONAL PROGRAM COMMITTEES

The Music Report will be mailed directly to the moderator and clerk of the various associations. The Music Department urges all associations to make a place on the program for the Music Report. Ask the associational music director to give the report.

More than 60 associations have associational music directors at this time. All of those should have a place on the program and let the people know about the Music Work in our state.

## Church Prays For Missionary; The Answer Comes In Two Days

The answer to a church's prayer came two days after its members were challenged to pray that God would call a young person from their midst to volunteer for foreign mission service.

Pastor and Mrs. Don Sietman, of First Church, Tarpon Springs, Fla., heard Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, bring a missionary message at the meeting of the Southern June. "Our hearts were especially moved by your appeal to each pastor to return to his own church and pray that God would call a missionary out of that church," Pastor Sietman wrote Dr. Cauthen.

The Tarpon Springs church, with 500 members, is giving 40 per cent of all undesignated gifts through the Cooperative Program; and, in the past four and one half years, four of its young men have answered God's call to the ministry. But the church has never had a missionary.

Pastor Sietman purchased a tape recording of Dr. Cauthen's convention message and played it to a group of about 30 men, women, and young people on a Tuesday night in July. Then he urged this group to pray daily that God would call one of the young people to the mission field.

"Just two days later one of our finest young people came into my study and told me that she was certain God was calling her to be a missionary," the pastor wrote.

In his appeal to the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Cauthen said: "Throughout the ranks of Southern Baptists—in each of our more than 29,000 churches—there

needs to go up a constant prayer that God will, from the ranks of each congregation, call out the choicest of his servants to witness for Christ to the ends of the earth.

"Every student still in college and seminary ought to examine his own heart to find if Christ would have him go personally to be a witness to those who have never heard. Many young pastors and other Christian workers, already established in places of responsibility yet not beyond the appointment age of 32, ought to reexamine the question as to whether or not Christ would have them go personally to witness as missionaries abroad."

—BR—

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## MAGNIFYING MY OFFICE

BY BETTY VALENTINE,  
Secretary, Southside Church,  
Jackson

The life of a church secretary is one of varied interests and unusual requests and tasks. But all of these things go to make a happy life for those of us who are called of God to be church secretaries.

The church office is an important place in the Lord's work. It is here that much time, prayer and planning of the entire church program is spent.

I believe that I am called to be a church secretary just as much as a pastor is called to preach.

The duties of a church secretary are rather hard to define. Sometimes, upon meeting a stranger, the question is asked, "Just what do you do?" In a light reply this

could be said, "A general flunkie around the church!" But a more serious reply could be that the church secretary is not confined to a certain number of hours each week, to a certain job during the day such as typing, filing, or keeping records and then being through for the day. The work of a church secretary is composed of these things and others required in a regular business office. In addition she has the feeling and knowledge that some where in the day's activities something she said, did or wrote might have helped some person to make a decision for Christ or brightened the life of someone in sorrow.

A church secretary has the responsibility of keeping the church records as accurately as possible. Mechanical efficiency is important. Faithfulness and dependability are traits that all want in an office staff.

The weekly bulletins and the church papers that are usually composed and printed in the church office are primarily the task of the church secretary. She should pray much before writing a word. The people need to be informed and the secretary, in following the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the calendar of activities for the church, will do just that.

Many times the church secretary is the pastor's "right-hand man." Pastors come to depend on



Shown above are the Church Choir, Chapel Choir, and Men's Chorus of Parkway Church, Jackson, which were combined to present a choral worship service on Sunday evening, August 22, climaxing the summer activity of the Music Department of the church. A total of 118 have participated in the three choirs during the summer months.

The addition of three more choirs is planned for the fall and September 9 has been designated Children's Choir Enrollment Day. Cecil Roper is the Minister of Music. Dr. G. Norman Price is the pastor.

them for keeping the files cleaned and straightened, doing the work neatly, giving a reminder for appointments.

A church secretary is acquainted with the problems and trials of many. She should have a genuine love for the people and be able to help in any way the Lord leads. Many confide in her concerning their situations. She should do her best to maintain this confidence—many times sharing her experiences only with God.

One of the daily tasks of the church secretary is the general thing called "telephone girl" and "bureau of information." Many times a request comes for a telephone number or address which is listed in the local telephone directory! But, many calls are important and information is requested which will help some Sunday school teacher, some personal worker, or some visitor for the church. Some calls during the day tell of happy occasions which the secretary can share. Those in the church office have an opportunity to witness over the telephone. Christ can use the secretary who is willing to speak words of comfort over the telephone to help the person reach a decision.

A church secretary should have strong convictions and firm beliefs in the denominational program. She should be faithful to the services of her church, and partici-

pate in the entire church program as much as possible.

Many different types of people visit the church office and are members of the local church. The church secretary has a good opportunity to be a soul winner as she deals with these.

Because of the tremendous task in this work, it is all important that a person feel the call of God. Few people would become church secretaries without a genuine love for people and a desire to help them live a Christian life. Perhaps one of the greatest services of a church secretary is to say to someone just the word for his need at the right time. She should be thoroughly Christian, day in and day out. Sometimes the way gets hard and the load gets heavy, but with Christ's help she is able to maintain a Christian spirit and a sweet disposition. She should do her best to stay in the center of God's will in order that she can be an effective worker.

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## THE NEXT TWO MONTHS

During the next two months members of your Training Union Department will be busily engaged in field work. Some of the engagements planned are listed here:

September 6-10. Central Leadership School for Calhoun Association, Mrs. L. E. Barton, Director.

September 13-17. Central Leadership School for Walthall Association.

September 19-24. Associational Simultaneous Training Union Enlargement Campaign in Gulf Coast Association with 24 churches and forty workers participating.

September 26-October 1. Enlargement Campaign, First Baptist Church, Greenville.

October 3-8. Enlargement Campaign, First Baptist Church, Hattiesburg.

October 10-15. Enlargement Campaign, First Baptist Church, Ocean Springs.

October 17-22. Enlargement Campaign at First Baptist Church, West Point, and a Central Leadership School for Leake Association, B. E. Turner, Director.

October 24-29. Associational Enlargement Campaign for Grenada Association.

November 1-5. Central Leadership School for Jasper Association, Davis Gardner, Director.

Two Wonderful Weeks of Assemblies Held

Two wonderful weeks of Training Union Assemblies were held during August with a total registration of approximately 470. At the time of this writing complete tabulations have not been made but they will appear in this column in the very near future.

Outstanding Opportunity for Nursery, Beginner and Primary Workers

November 8 is a big day in Training Union work in Mississippi. This is the day which for two years has been set for our First State-wide Nursery, Beginner and Primary Leadership Clinic.

Date: November 8.

Time 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson.

Workers: Miss Ann Bradford, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Miss Elsie Rives, South Main Street Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; Miss Ann Huguley, Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss LaVerne Ashby, Training Union Department of the Baptist Board, Nashville, Tennessee; Miss Evelyn George, Approved Nursery, Beginner and Primary worker, State Training Union Department, and others.

All pastors, educational workers, Training Union Directors as well as all other workers with Nursery, Beginner or Primary Children whether in Sunday school or Training Union should avail themselves of this unusual opportunity to secure trained guidance in the matter of leading the spiritual development of children in our churches.

Plan now to have a carload from your church.

It's worth a day of your time if your children are worth helping.

New Approved Worker



MISS EVELYN GEORGE

Pictured above is Miss Evelyn George of Jackson who after September 1 will be the approved Nursery, Beginner and Primary worker with the state Training Union department. Miss George is a graduate of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and becomes available to the department in this capacity only because she is in process of completing her college work at Mississippi College.

The Training Union Department now has two approved workers, Miss George for Nursery, Beginner and Primary work, and M. Auber J. Wilds of Oxford, our approved Adult worker.

Youth Week Reports Reach 128 Under our Mississippi Baptist Five Point Program our goal for this year was to have 97 churches observe Youth Week. This was to be a 50 per cent increase over our record for 1962-63. Miss Louise Hill reports on August 24 that we have already reported 128 churches observing Youth Week. This represents an increase of almost 100 per cent over last year instead of the anticipated 50 per cent.

We are still receiving Youth Week reports in the office as Training Union Directors, pastors and workers with Young People realize that their church has observed it but failed to report it. Either through this column or in a general mailing in the near future we will be publishing a complete listing of the churches which have observed Youth Week this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE August 29, 1964

Byram (Hinds)	177	128
Jackson, South Side	375	132
Jackson, Van Winkle	465	256
Van Winkle Mission	51	62
Jackson, Calvary	1347	386
Mission	57	32
Jackson, West	299	125
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	648	268
Jackson, Ridgecrest	232	106
Pearl (Rankin)	195	127
Jackson, Highland	121	81
Paul Truitt (Rankin)	178	132
White Rock Mission	14	
Springfield, Scott	140	83
Jackson, Crestwood	472	455
Richland (Rankin)	172	103
Jackson, North Side	565	183
Jackson, Broadmoor	413	178
Jackson, Parkway	1013	508
Jackson, Robinson St.	218	78
Laurel, First	556	144
Hattiesburg, Main St.	872	254
Edwards	93	42
Jackson, First	1339	428
Calhoun City, First	494	185
Bay St. Louis, First	125	55
Hardy (Grenada)	120	85
Grenada, Emmanuel	279	87
Main Church	254	87
Futheyville Chapel	25	
Concord (Choctaw)	104	115
Longview (Oktibbeha)	98	78
Morton (Scott)	318	120
Main Church	296	
Mission	22	
Biloxi, Trinity	219	52
McComb, East	494	214
Gulfport, Calvary	80	39
Fair River (Lincoln)	111	65
Pascagoula, First	811	230
Main School	704	193
Jackson Ave. Chapel	67	37
McArthur Chapel	42	
Mt. Pleasant Holmes	54	42
New Albany, First	648	237
Mission	68	
Hebron (Jones)	90	74
Wayside (Yalobusha)	74	
Cleveland, Immanuel	135	107
Meridian, Poplar Springs	387	142
Grenada, First	755	191
Yazoo City, First	466	146
Holly Bluff	132	96
New Sight (Lincoln)	128	85
Union, First	401	174
Sumrall (Lamar)	119	54
Gulfport, First	952	306
Gulfport, New Hope	157	55
Oakland Grove (Jones)	105	105
Bethlehem (Jones)	157	115
Petal-Harvey	414	155
Main School	355	
Harvey	59	
Concord (Franklin)	96	79
Philadelphia, First	369	106
Stonewall	198	130
Soso, First	155	70
Wheeler Grove (Alcorn)	159	159
Houma	134	64
Columbia, First	754	281
Main Church	647	228
South Columbia Mission	107	53
Hattiesburg, Temple	551	163
Picayune, First	635	182
Crowder	208	127
Glenfield (Union)	112	112
Union Chapel (Chickasaw)	91	92
Meridian, South Side	464	167
Columbus, East End	272	130
Kosciusko, First	803	289
Brookhaven, Central	124	93
Laurel, Harmony	149	77
Laurel, West	405	105
Hernando	181	90
Laurel, Highland	220	108
Oral (Lamar)	75	54
Clarksdale	398	119
Crystal Springs	688	209
Aberdeen, First	386	91
Canton, Center Terrace	305	134
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	500	156

## Licensed At Itta Bena



Mr. Randle S. Poss was licensed to the gospel ministry by First Church, Itta Bena, on Sunday, August 22.

Mr. Poss finished his junior college work at

Sunflower Junior College, Moorhead. He served as assistant pastor at First Church, Itta Bena, for the past three months and has now enrolled at William Carey College, where he will complete his college work.

Rev. W. Otis Seal is the pastor.

—BR—

If a farmer waited until he was sure of the weather he would never raise a crop. He has to reckon with the weather and contend with it, but he cannot be sure of it. So every year he makes a venture of faith. We cannot let the wind and clouds of circumstance determine our course. We cannot grow a harvest for God with one eye on the weather. Just as with the farmer, circumstances are to be considered, and we shall not foolishly disregard them. But we must not let them be the main factor in making our decisions. Too many saints live fearfully from one "weather report" to another, scanning the skies and watching the clouds, conscious of "conditions" rather than of Christ. Faith goes ahead in fair weather and foul. It breaks up the fallow ground, sows the seed, cultivates the crop, and gathers the harvest. There may be pests and floods and droughts, but the Lord of the Harvest will see to it that our labor is not in vain. From DAY BY DAY by Vance Havner (Fleming H. Revell Company).

Charleston, First	400	152
Cerinth, Tate St.	307	98
Richmon	215	75
McComb, Locust St.	107	60
Darling	96	61
Palahatchie	225	92
Main School	187	
Mission	38	
Friendship (Jackson)	83	79
Kreole, First	105	65
Brookhaven, First	770	275
Main Church	641	205
Southway	88	46
Halbert Heights	41	24
Tupelo, Harrisburg	542	234
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	149	94
Ruleville	326	120
Greenwood, Calvary	482	179

August 22, 1964

Long Beach, First	200	73
Hernando	171	70
Greenwood, Calvary	407	189
Sumrall	126	48
Corinth, Tate St.	306	93
Gulfport, New Hope	133	55

## 50, 40 &amp; 25 Years Ago

BY REV. J. L. BOYD, SR.

**SPECIAL:** Fifty-six years ago this month, yellow fever broke out in Jackson. Panic caused about 75 per cent of the population to leave the city. On October 3 four cases appeared among the children of the Baptist Orphanage. Before the "terrible nightmare" was over, 15 inmates of the home had been stricken, including Superintendent L. S. Foster. No deaths; praise the Lord!

## 50 YEARS AGO—

Utica Baptist Church closed a meeting of days in which Pastor R. A. Cohen was assisted by Rev. R. W. Merrill of the Valance Street Church of New Orleans. Twenty-five accessions, 21 of whom came on profession of faith and baptism.

Pastor Homer H. Webb of Roxie tells of their wonderful meeting in the Providence Church, Franklin County, which resulted in 40 additions for baptism and four by restoration. Rev. W. E. Farr of Redbone did the preaching.

## 40 YEARS AGO—

Brother J. E. Willis resigns his Magee and Mt. Olive pastorates to spend the winter in New Mexico to recover his health, hoping to return to his chosen field as missionary in China.

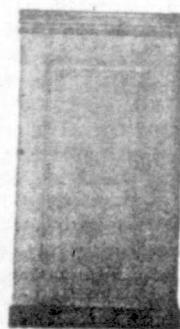
There were 22 additions to the Goss Church, Marion County, during a revival meeting in which Pastor T. D. Cox was assisted by J. E. Byrd, Sunday School Secretary.

## 25 YEARS AGO—

The Walnut Church, Quitman County, had 43 additions, 32 of them for baptism, during a meeting in which Pastor L. S. Cole of Marks was assisted by Rev. Chas. S. Henderson of Greenville.

Miss Maye Bell Taylor, Southern Baptist missionary to North Brazil who is in the States on leave of absence, suffered a back injury on August 12 when the automobile in which she was traveling from Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly to Louisville, Ky., went over an embankment. Mrs. Frank Hill, mission study chairman for the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, who was also in the car, was fatally injured. Miss Taylor's condition is reported as much improved. She may be addressed at Haskell, Tex.

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### CLINIC SPEAKER



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of October 11-15 and October 25-29 in connection with the 20 Brotherhood Clinics which are to be held September 27-October 29. Mr. Sapp will speak at the following meetings.

October 11, Calvary, Greenwood.  
October 12, Parkview, Greenville.  
October 14, Morton Baptist.  
October 15, Bowmar Avenue, Vicksburg.  
October 25, First, Hattiesburg.  
October 26, First, Biloxi.  
October 8, First, Columbia.  
October 29, East, McComb.

### ACTIVITIES REPORTED

Flag Lake in Tate Association has an enrollment of 18 and held 3 meetings. They held prayer meetings prior to the revival and entertained the WMU with a fish fry. Harrell Smith, reporting.

Evergreen in Winston Association has an enrollment of 28 and held 2 meetings. They had 2 special prayer meetings before the revival and held one in a county jail. Had spot announcements on the radio concerning the revival. Morris Massey, reporting.

### Springfield, Natchez Adds 18 In Revival

Springfield Chapel Church, Natchez, closed a revival on August 28. There were 18 additions to the church, 13 for baptism and 5 upon transfer of letter.

Sunday August 22, dinner was served at the church with a record attendance in Sunday School of 131.

Rev. S. B. Spinks of Fellowship Church, Jena, La., was the preacher for the revival. Rev. Ralph Marshall, Jr. is the pastor.

### Mississippi College Students Lead In Mize Youth Revival

Rev. Felix Snipes, Rev. Frank Lowe and Rev. Roy Roby, Mississippi College students, led in a successful youth revival Aug. 22-27 at Mize church, Rev. Bill Hegwood, pastor.

There were several rededications and conversions. The youth of the church were in charge of services on Sunday.

## SENATE APPROVES VOLUNTARY CLERGY SECURITY COVERAGE

Washington, D. C. (RNS)—The Senate approved an amendment to the Social Security Act extending coverage to clergymen and members of religious orders on a purely voluntary basis.

It also voted amendments making foreign missionaries eligible on the same basis.

Since the House already has approved coverage for ministers on a semi-compulsory basis, a joint House-Senate conference committee will have to work out a final formula.

## Brister Resigns Harmony Accepts Hamilton Street



REV. FREDDIE BRISTER

Rev. Freddie Brister, pastor of Harmony Church, Crystal Springs, has resigned in order to become pastor of the Hamilton St. Church of Brookhaven.

During his four years at Harmony there have been 60 additions, 30 by letter and 30 by baptism. A new \$12,000 parsonage has been built and the church building renovated. Plans and a building fund are in progress for additional educational space. An adult training union has been organized, two W. M. S. circles, G. A. S. and Brotherhood. The Sunday School enrollment has grown from 102 to 198 and Training Union from 35 to 124. The budget has more than tripled.

## Perry Morgan To Retire

RIDGECREST, N.C. (BP) Perry Morgan, business manager of Camp Ridgecrest for Boys, will retire from active work with Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly at the end of this year.

He has been serving with the assembly in some capacity since 1936. From 1936 to 1946 he was assembly manager and since that time has acted as business manager of the boys camp.

Morgan was honored with an informal reception by the assembly workers and friends recently and at the Friday evening service during the Bible Conference in session. At that time Dr. Hight C. Moore read an article he had prepared on the life of Perry Morgan. Others taking part in the recognition service were Willard K. Weeks assembly manager; James L. Sullivan, secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board; George Pickering director of Camp Ridgecrest; and Harold Ingraham, business manager of the Board.

## GAINESVILLE ORDAINS THREE NEW DEACONS

Gainesville Church recently ordained three new deacons.

The presbytery consisted of Rev. John Kitchens, the pastor, Rev. R. R. Gorden, Rev. J. C. Renfro, Rev. W. A. Fordham, and O. D. Miller, deacon of Grace Memorial Church, Gulfport.

The pastor led the questioning; Mr. Renfro gave the charge; Mr. Fordham preached the ordination sermon; Mr. Gorden led the ordination prayer.

## DOCTRINAL DIFFERENCE LIMITS UNION SERVICE

(Editor's Note: As we have often said, and as Southern Baptists practice, you can't have union where there is so much difference. Southern Baptists admit it. Most others deny it, but prove it by their actions; and the article below is proof thereof.)

EVANSTON, Ill. Aug. 22—Protestant families of the world, seeking to reunite their broken households, Sunday were called to the Lord's Supper—but many could not come.

Their differing concepts kept them away.

### 2000 Take Part

It came on the sixth anniversary of the council, born in Amsterdam on Aug. 22, 1948, to seek to seal the strength of divided Christianity. Other denominations are to be hosts at services later this week. But at none of them will all the representatives of the 163 denominations gathered here from many lands be able to join.

### Some Progress

But there has been progress in that direction. For example, the Episcopal (Anglican) service, being held Monday, will be open to all "baptized communicant members" of any denomination of the council—the broadest Episcopal service ever held.

Some Christian representatives, because of doctrinal differences, will not take part—even some representatives who have objected to a service open to bodies not subscribing to Anglican concepts.

Lutheran services Tuesday will be open to all who believe in the "actual presence" of Christ's "true body and blood" in the sacrament. This would include Episcopalians, old Catholics and Orthodox churchmen.

But the Orthodox position does not authorize a joint Lord's supper with anybody, except those with which it is in communion. This would exclude most Protestant faiths, "There are necessary differences among us on this," said Ivan Michaelson, an Orthodox delegate from Philadelphia.

## Counselor's Corner

BY DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, Pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind."

He writes this column each week for the Baptist Record.

### PROSPECTIVE HUSBAND

#### Question:

I am seventeen and engaged to a boy twenty-eight. We think we love each other, but some difficulties are in the way.

He gets drunk but not around me and will not talk to me about it. He fails to show up for dates and will not give a reason, but just changes the subject. When we are out with other couples, he acts like he doesn't even see me.

He gives me expensive gifts and my parents like him. Will this marriage work out?

#### Answer:

Don't marry the guy. If he won't talk to you now, six months after the wedding you can't pry his lips open. The mistake you made is in having a second date with him when he stood you up once.

People who are too immature to keep their word, or to at least talk about it, are too immature to get married.

A husband must be chosen on the basis of (1) whether he is comparatively mature, (2) whether he can love unselfishly, (3) whether he is the kind of person you like to be around, (4) whether he respects and loves you enough to want to make you happy, and perhaps as many more similar spiritual qualities. Gifts, a flashy personality, and even a good economic rating, do not necessarily make for a good marriage.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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## Sunday School Lesson

BY DR. L. BRACEY CAMPBELL

For September 5

### GROWTH THROUGH USEFUL WORK

Bible Texts: Colossians 3:23,24; I Thessalonians 4:10,11; II Thessalonians 3:6-13.

### I. IMPORTANCE OF WORK IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHARACTER.

Many years ago I read a statement to the effect that civilization has its home north of the frost line. This is but another way of saying that where the climate is ideal men and women do not develop to their best. I recall also a statement in one of the school histories of the U. S. I read when a boy that, "Nature has been niggardly in her gifts to New England," and the writer continued to say that the hard winters and rocky soil of New England were in large measure the cause of the high degree of culture and accomplishment of the Yankees.

I am sorry for anyone who finding it possible by reason of location or inheritance to do so, just "takes life easy". No such person ever amounts to shucks. But the men and women who, as boys and girls, found it necessary to work hard and continuously furnish the names of those whom the world delights to honor, and their names form the roll of those immortals of whom the poet wrote, "But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night".

In easy circumstances there are and have been men and women who, in spite of their wealth and lofty position, gave themselves to work of one kind or another to such extent and intent that, I say again, in spite of their wealth and lofty position, became grandly great. Of such was Humboldt in Germany, Newton in England, Jefferson and Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes in this country. And what of Paul? You could say that he voluntarily made himself poor for the sake of his Lord; but, even so, he stands in marked contrast to some of the fellows who, professing to follow in his train, seek in the calling of the sacred ministry an easy way to live—or had I not better say, to quote the very words of some of the members of this class, "An easy way to 'make a living'?"

To live, now, every day to live in such manner as to exemplify the best, the really Christian way, this is the biggest, most delicate task which his Lord and Master has assigned to man. Just to live as unto the Lord, even under the guiding eye of the Almighty is an assignment of such magnitude and delicacy as to draw from Paul the exhortation to work it out "with fear and trembling". To live, really to live, is to work with brawn and brain, at whatever task falls to the part of any professed servant of the Lord in fulfillment of the order, "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might". Nothing short of the best and most possible of the best work of which any one is capable will develop the best in the worker's character.

### II. THE MASTER OF ALL GOOD WORKMEN.

Human relationships are numerous and various. There are those of husband and wife, of parent and child, of guardian and ward, of friend and friend, of slave and master, of employer and employed, of the Christian and his Lord and Master, Jesus the Christ. This last ranks above all others. He who serves Christ sets his duty to Christ above all other duties, his loyalty to Christ above all other loyalties, his love to Christ above all other loves. He Himself said this over and over again. "If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross, and follow Me."

Be the work of the Christian whatever it may, whether in the case of a woman to sing psalms or to sew seams, whether of a man to preach Christ or to plow corn, the work is the work of Christ and is to be performed as under His watchful eye, under His immediate supervision. Hard? Yes of course; but see how such an ideal glorifies the commonest tasks of life.

"Phyllis will be coming soon. Phyllis is a skillful painter and she will do her best for her mother and her dad."

After this manner spoke an aging man in Chicago to his wife and of a fine young artist daughter, a student of mine in another department here. But above all this of willingness and eagerness to do a good piece of work for parent or earthly friend, let us see the fact that we do all our work, mould all our character unto Him who is over all our foremen and our king.

### III. THE IDEAL MENTAL ATTITUDE FOR THE BEST WORK.

"Study to be quiet, and to do your own business". "Study to be quiet"! This is a figure of speech called by the rhetoricians an oxymoron in which two contradictory words are placed together for effect, as, bitter sweet, sad pleasure. How shall one agonize to be serene, struggle to be still, be ambitious to be modest, study to be quiet? But that is what Paul commands. Make it your aim to avoid turmoil, turn aside every temptation to broil and engage in turbulence and strife. Do your rock-bottom, dead-level best to have nothing to do with the babel of confusing words in which contentious busybodies delight to engage.

And that not only, but have a care that you maintain a serene condition in your own soul. Strive to see the pleasant and peaceful aspect in every situation which effects or is likely to affect unfavorably your own serenity. In the heat of passion one is likely to think things that he ought not, the very thinking of which will coarsen and degrade him. He is likely to say things that will forever remain said, things he will wish ten thousand times he had not said, but, which, for all his wishing, remain said.

"Do your own business". I used to work with a lad from Kentucky who quoted from his mother, but disregarded her advice. He said his mother said, "Spend one-fourth of your time attending to your business, and all the remainder of your time in leaving other people's business alone". This is about what Paul meant. And I have checked

### BETHEL (AMITE) CALLS NEW PASTOR



REV. R. L. MEFFORD

Rev. R. L. Mefford, former pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Pike County, is the new pastor of Bethel Church in Amite County. He and his family were welcomed with a pounding at the parsonage.

Mr. Mefford was the evangelist for the recent revival at Bethel in which there were four additions, two for baptism.

The new pastor is a native of Colorado, a graduate of Ouachita College, Arkansas, and is a second-year student at New Orleans Seminary. He is an Army veteran and has held two former pastorates. He is married and is the father of one child.

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### Homecoming At Bethel

Sunday, Sept. 5, will be homecoming at Bethel, Copiah county. There will be morning and afternoon services with dinner served at the church.

Rev. Benton E. Evans, pastor, joins with the resident membership in extending a cordial invitation to the former members and friends of Bethel Church. Morning services begin at 10 a. m.

up on myself. I never have time to get my own business done, even when I leave their business to them to attend. That Paul found this to be true in his own life, I make no doubt. He had business to attend, and found little or no time to attend to others. Give all your attention to your own business and you will do your business better. "Work with your hands." What's good advice, too! A man who would be a good servant of Jesus will give attention to the problem of maintaining good health, and this will be best done by doing something with the hands. Have a hobby? Yes, if that be best for him. Any man may have any one of a thousand and any one of them will be good for him if the chosen one is in itself good and wholesome.

### IV. PAUL'S DISORDERLY BROTHER

"We hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies." There, now! The disorderly walk that Paul most heartily deprecates is the walk of idleness, of neglecting or refusing to work. For the chap who does not work will be, nay, is, a busybody. Mark him, he is always so.

### Riverside Has Revival

Riverside Church, Pascagoula, closed a revival Sunday August 29. There were 18 additions, 8 for baptism and 10 by letter. This makes a total of 114 additions to the Riverside church since July, 1953. Of these 38 have been on profession of faith.

Since that date, the church has almost completed a building valued at \$20,000. In the same period the church has given an average of \$100 to missions outside the church.

Plans are to get into the educational building by October 1 and to change from a class Sunday School to a department School.

Rev. J. M. Foy, pastor of the Wildwood Church of Laurel, did the preaching for the revival and Wallace Whitley, Pascagoula, was in charge of the music.

The goal of 208 set for Sunday School was not reached but there was a record attendance of 96 at Training Union Sunday night August 29. Attendance at all services were the best in the history of the church.

Rev. J. D. Lundy is the pastor.

—BR—

"As we give to build our church we should give as much to build another." Mrs. R. L. Mathis.



In the recent revival at Willis Hicks Memorial Church, Calhoun City, there were eight baptisms (the candidates are shown above). There were seven additions by letter and two rededications. Rev. H. J. Pritchard, pastor of West Clarendon Drive Church, Dallas, Texas, did the preaching and his mother, Mrs. Ora Pearce, illustrated his messages in pictures.

Elizabeth Adams was the principal of the recent Vacation Bible School at Willis Hicks Memorial. There were 131 enrolled with an average attendance of 107.

Rev. R. B. Hicks is the pastor.

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ATLANTA, Ga. Aug. 20 (BN) — Dr. Alfred Carpenter, Director, Chaplain's Commission, Home Mission Board, will leave September 3 to visit Southern Baptist chaplains in Alaska, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, and islands of the Pacific.

## 5% BONDS

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**A Catechism Of**

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books of the New Testament? The five historical books of the New Testament are Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, Acts.

8. What are the fourteen epistles of Paul? The fourteen epistles of Paul are Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians; Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians; 1 and 2 Thessalonians; 1 and 2 Timothy, Titus; Philemon; Hebrews.

9. What are the seven other epistles? The seven general epistles are James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1, 2, and 3 John, Jude.

10. What is the last book in the Bible? The last book in the Bible is Revelation.

**PART II. INSPIRATION AND AUTHORITY OF THE BIBLE**

11. Were the books of the Bible written by men? The books of the Bible were written by men, but these men were moved and guided by the Holy Spirit. 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Cor. 14:37.

12. What special proof have we that the entire Old Testament is inspired? Christ and his apostles speak of "Scripture," or "the Scriptures," as inspired by God, and we know that they meant exactly what we call the Old Testament. John 10:35; Tim. 3:16.

13. Does the Bible contain any errors? The Bible records some things said by uninspired men that were not true; but it is true and instructive that these men said them.

14. What authority has the Bible for us? The Bible is our only and all-sufficient rule of faith and practice.

15. What things does the Bible teach us? The Bible teaches all that we need to know about our relations to God, about sin and salvation.

16. How ought we to study the Bible history? We ought to study the Bible as a history of providence and a history of redemption.

17. Who is the central figure of the Bible history? The central figure of the Bible history is Jesus Christ, the Hope of Israel, the Saviour of mankind.

18. What does the Bible do for those who believe in Jesus Christ? The Bible makes those who believe in Jesus wise unto salvation. 2 Tim. 3:15.

19. What does the Bible contain besides history? The Bible contains doctrines, devotional portions, precepts, and promises; it teaches us how to live and how to die.

20. With what disposition ought we to study the Bible? We ought to study the Bible with a hearty willingness to believe what it says and to do what it requires. John 7:17.

21. What great help must we all seek in studying the Bible? We must pray that the Holy Spirit who inspired the Bible will help us to understand it. Ps. 119:18; Luke 24:45.

**ADVANCED QUESTIONS**

(a) How do we know that Christ and His apostles meant by "the Scriptures" what we call the Old Testament? We know from Jewish writers and early Christian writers, that those who heard Christ and his apostles would understand them to mean the Old Testament; and therefore they must have meant it so.

(b) What promise did our Lord



Shown above is the new hostess at the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Mrs. Norma L. Gill, as she visits with a patient, Mrs. Eva Griffin of Terry.

**Baptist Hospital Gets New Hostess**

**Mrs. Norma Gill Serves Patients, Families**

A Hospital Hostess has been added to the growing and efficient staff of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, as was announced by W. Wilson Turner, administrator.

The new hostess is Mrs. Norma L. Gill of 1524 Lyncrest, Jackson. She has been a teacher and counselor in schools in Mississippi. She is first vice-president of the Fifth District Federated Club, and is a member of the New Era Club and the MSCW Alumni. She is an active member of the First Church, Jackson and its organizations, as well as the Missionary Round Table.

Each day the hostess visits all

give His apostles as to the Holy Spirit? Our Lord promised His apostles that the Holy Spirit should bring all his teachings to their remembrance, and guide them into all the truth. John 14:26; 16:13.

(c) Did the inspired writers receive everything by direct revelation? The inspired writers learned many things by observation or inquiry, but they were preserved by the Holy Spirit from error, whether in learning or in writing these things.

(d) What if inspired writers sometimes appear to disagree in their statements? Most cases of apparent disagreement in the inspired writings have been explained, and we may be sure that all could be explained if we had full information.

(e) Is this also true when the Bible seems to be in conflict with history or science? Yes, some cases of apparent conflict with history or science have been explained quite recently that were long hard to understand.

(f) Has it been proven that the inspired writers stated anything that was not true? No; there is no proof that the inspired writers made any mistakes of any kind.

of the patients entered on the preceding day and as many of the other patients as time and the many demands will permit. The hostess waits with the family when a patient is in surgery, keeping in contact with the operating room and passing the information to those concerned. She also is a comfort to those distressed over the passing of a loved one, and serves them in whatever way is necessary.

Many out-of-town patients have no relatives or friends in the city. The hostess gives these special attention, writing letters and perhaps having short errands run for them. She makes phone calls for these and many others, and notifies the families of patients who enter the hospital without time to call back home.

The new hostess stays quite busy. On her first day at the hospital there were 45 new patients to visit; on the second day there were 88. If she serves more patients in a single day than it seems possible to do, it is because she keeps before her the words of Christ, "In as much as ye have done it unto these, ye have done it unto me."

**Mt. Horeb Holds Revival**

Mt. Horeb Church in Lauderdale County recently held their annual revival meeting. Rev. R. A. Hancock, pastor at Hurricane Creek, was the evangelist.

There were two professions of faith, two volunteers for full-time Christian service, and 12 rededications.

Since Rev. R. F. Moore accepted the pastorate of the church early this year, there have been 16 additions to the church. The church has voted to give at least one dollar per member to the Cooperative Program.

**Mississippian Accepts Virginia Music Post**

Edith Alexander of Itta Bena, who received her master's degree in sacred music with a major in organ at Southwestern Seminary in July, has accepted a position in Radford, Virginia.

Miss Alexander will be the organist-director at the First Church and will teach organ in Radford College. She has served as director of the Clarke Memorial College choir for two years, taught public school music at Newton, and directed the choirs at First Church, Itta Bena, during the summer.

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**Man Of Distinction**

(From The Richmond, Va., News Leader, As Reported In Idaho Challenge)

Two cases recently were tried in the circuit court of Prince Edward county. They were reported together in last week's Farmville Herald.

One of them involved Cleveland Anderson Williams, who was before the court on two charges of storebreaking, and two charges of attempted storebreaking. On a charge of breaking into the H. T. service station and stealing a box of cigars and three cartons of cigarettes, to the value of \$10, Williams was sentenced to 30 years in prison. Other sentences, totalling nine years, to run concurrently with the 10-year sentence, were imposed on the other charges.

The other case involved Willie Melvin Ingram driver of an automobile that figured in an accident last November near Prospect. Mrs. Katherine Tucker Jones, of Roanoke and an 8-year-old girl Nancy Ann Olive, died in that accident.

The court found Ingram guilty of reckless driving, and driving while under the influence of liquor. Ingram was sentenced to 10 days on the former charge and six months on the latter.

No comment.

**GOING PLACES**

By A. L. GOODRICH

**Morgantown Starts Right**

Morgantown Church, Natchez, has recently been organized and one of the first actions of the new church was to adopt the popular and progressive EVERY FAMILY

Plan of the Baptist Record.

In a letter to the Baptist Record, the clerk, Mrs. A. L. Pritchard, writes, "We have just organized the Morgantown Baptist Church and would like to get the Baptist Record into all our homes."

If a good beginning means a good ending, Morgantown Church is going places.

Record readers in Adams county are now listed as follows: Morgantown, 18; IMMANUEL, 165; NATCHEZ, FIRST, 560; NATCHEZ, WEST SIDE, 161; NATCHEZ, CLOVERDALE, 44; NATCHEZ, FELLOWSHIP, 75; NATCHEZ, FRIENDSHIP, 45; CRANFIELD, 31; SPRINGFIELD CHAPEL, 23; WASHINGTON, 77.

**Broadmoor, Gulfport**

Pastor J. D. Aycock continues happy in the work at Broadmoor. Some of the causes of his happiness are an increase in the Sunday School roll to 80 percent of the "Million More in '54" goal and the fact that there have been 95 additions during the past nine months.

Record readers in Gulf Coast Association are now listed as follows: BAY ST LOUIS, 98; Kiln-Shifalo, 10; LOGTOWN, 39; LAKE SHORE, 22; BIG RIDGE, 31; BILOXI, FIRST, 355; EASTLAWN, 161; CALVARY MISSION, 31; GULFPORT, FIRST, 866; GULFPORT, BROADMOOR, 42; GRACE MEMORIAL, 66; FERNWOOD, 53; HANDSBORO 114; LONG BEACH, 160; MISSISSIPPI CITY, 23; NEW HOPE, 63; PASS CHRISTIAN, 38; Sharon, 15; WEST GULFPORT, 28; WOOLMARKET, 35; LYMAN, 36; Riverside, 10; MCHENRY, 21; Pass Road, 17; SUCCESS, 24; TRINITY, 130; 29TH STREET MISSION, 26.

Correction: In the August 26 issue of the Baptist Record Rev. Aubrey G. Smith was referred to as Winston Associational Missionary. He is also Choctaw Associational Missionary, the two associations having employed him for half-time each.

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## The Pastor In A Rural Community

By REV. TROY PRINCE,  
Pastor, Carthage Church

There has been a change in the concept of rural life within the past twenty-five years.

1. Rural communities are becoming less isolated. The coming of electricity to the rural area, along with the telephone, radio, and television has brought the country community closer to urban life.

2. The economic structure of the rural community is changing.

For many years the farmers in the South have depended upon one crop. Diversified farm crops have been introduced, and the cash income of the farm has been increased.

3. The educational level of the rural people has been lifted.

4. There is a shifting of population from towns and cities toward the rural communities, centered from two to five or six miles from town.

Rural churches are looking for better trained pastors. With a higher educational level made possible by better schools, the people are not content with a man, however pious and humble, who cannot corral and feed the sheep properly.

Recently a man who had been before a rural church as a prospective pastor, complained because they did not call him. "That's the most particular and choosy bunch of people I have ever seen," said he. "They wanted to know if I had been to school anywhere. Why the first thing you know, they are going to be demanding pastors who have been to college and to the seminary. Then what is all of us God-called men going to do?"

"William Jennings Bryan tells of some boys who tried to pull a Christmas tree into a church. The branches braced themselves against the casements, broke off and refused to enter. Then came the wise father, turned the tree and dragged it in, log-end first. All the green boughs followed smoothly. . ."

"Is there a rural pastoral question, the answer to which carries the solution of all other problems? The answer is yes. The pastor . . . is the log. All other questions are green flexibilities. Their answers will follow if we pull first at this one inquiry: What kind of man must the rural pastor be? Certain qualities are essential from skin to bone."

"1. The first quality is rural-heartedness.

Much has been said about the rural pastor being rural-minded. His thinking needs to be geared to the thought patterns of the people. One farmer commented: "My pastor may be a smart man, but he certainly does not know beans."

"Do you ever think of country folks as 'hicks' and 'hayseeds?' You are not worthy to be a rural pastor. Do you ever think of going from country to city as 'getting back to civilization?' Then go! Do you feel that the city has more advantages to offer. . . than the country? Then go from the country."

2. The second qualification is mental alertness.

There is a saying, "When you go to the city pulpit, wear your

best clothes. When you go to the country, take your best sermon.

The point I am making is this, just because a man is sitting in a country pew, that is no sign that he is not prepared to listen to, and accept a well-prepared message from a well-informed pastor. There are hearts hungry for some real "meat". They are sick and tired of an ulcer diet type of preaching.

The country church is no dumping ground for worn out pastors, whose energies are already spent; or for career men who need to start somewhere; or for lazy, shiftless men who do not want to work.

3. A soundness in Biblical faith. The deep south is referred to as the "Bible Belt." This is to our eternal credit. A recent publication indicated that Southern Baptist people are the most ardent and avid readers of the Bible of any denominational group in America. It is not an uncommon thing to discover our rural people reading the Bible. In the deep South a preacher will thrive best if he leaves church union and liberalism out of his preaching.

4. A keen sense of pastoral ethics.

Reference has already been made to the use of the rural church as a stepping stone. L. G. Frey, in his delightful volume, *THE ROMANCE OF RURAL CHURCHES*, says "it is sad, but true, that rural churches are stepping stones to bigger fields, and that may be all right, but some of the stones are showing a great deal of wear and tear." Many are willing to serve country churches, until they acquire experience, then they are anxiously willing to move on, provided the new field is larger. One layman asked, "Why is it that our preachers are always called to bigger churches and larger salaries? Doesn't God ever call a man to a smaller church and a smaller salary?" You answer this question.

The pastor is morally obligated to give a days work for a day's pay. He must spend enough time on the field to justify his being called as pastor. The pastor must study his Bible, his professional books, his denominational program, but most of all he needs to study himself, and know his weaknesses and his strength. A pastor has an ethical relationship to be observed with regard to his denomination. If he is a Southern Baptist, he ought to be a Southern Baptist. Our denominational program is not perfect. Our leaders are not perfect, and they will be the first to admit it. Our leaders have not, nor will they try to force a program upon our people.

This does not mean that as pastor and people that we are going to rubber stamp everything that is done, but it does mean that we shall in a spirit of cooperation move forward together.

5. A final qualification in this list is a sense of humor. "Blessed is the man who has a sense of humor, for he can laugh his way out of many a predicament."

Problems Facing A Rural Pastor.

1. Preparation.

Some of our country pastors have no formal training. They have studied diligently, recognized

information, programs, and procedures adaptable for their work; they have conferred with denominational leaders and with the help of God they have led their churches gloriously.

Our Baptist educational leaders are recognizing a splendid opportunity of service for the rural pastor. As a result, we have courses in our academies, colleges, and seminaries designed to give preparation for pastoral leadership, and for church administration. The work offered now by the Seminary Extension service is a real boost to the work.

2. The annual call.

The annual call is one Baptist institution that is definitely headed for the graveyard. This procedure helps no one, and is a constant source of irritation and embarrassment.

3. Financial problems.

The children of rural pastors need clothing, nourishing food, medical attention and wholesome recreation, just like children of his town cousins. Country preachers no longer ride horse-back to their churches now, for they have graduated into the horseless carriage. It costs him just as much or more, for an automobile as does the town or city brother.

What can we do? We can plan and promote a long-range educational program that will acquaint the people with the privilege of tithing.

Sometimes we are moral cowards and are afraid to preach to stubborn, rebellious, thieving hearts the glorious doctrine of Bible Stewardship.

5. The fifth problem he faces is the Greener Pasture.

When we run against the rocky places in one pastorate, we look across the way and "long to take the wings of the morning and fly" over there. We follow that course only to discover that the problem there is just as vexing and no more rewarding and in six months we are ready to move again.

The basis of the trouble is impatience and a lack of faith in God. We plant a seed in the morning and before noon expect a full crop. God nor the rural people seem to operate like that. We had just as well slow down and settle down and let our ulcers heal. One simply cannot do his best work in a short pastorate.

What can we do to offer help for the tremendous task of the rural pastor?

1. One of the most encouraging factors for present development has been the program of Associational Missions projected by the Home Mission Board. The Superintendent of Associational Missions is an ally of the pastor.

2. A second encouragement has been the Regional Rural Church Conferences, and now the South-wide Rural Church Conference, which should continue as a must for those of us who are rural pastors.

3. The denomination ought to take cognizance of the fact that the country preacher has been constantly, though not deliberately, over-looked as a capable member of a seminary board of trustees, member of executive committees, and for inspirational messages at various conferences, conventions and assemblies. It would be a welcomed transfusion for many gatherings if an Amos



Shown above is the Vacation Bible School at Indian Springs Church, Perry County. There were 40 enrolled with an average attendance of 39, and 10 teachers and helpers. Robbie Corley was principal and Patsy Meador, Laurel, was pianist. Rev. S. E. Nix is the pastor.

## Japan Baptist Convention Takes Steps Toward Evangelizing Asia

Continued advance in nationwide evangelism was the keynote of the Japan Baptist Convention meeting in midsummer session at the new Amagi Baptist Assembly near Mt. Fuji.

The convention voted unanimously to conduct special conferences on evangelistic methods and to request 13 additional Southern Baptist missionary couples for evangelism to fulfill urgent needs in the convention's projected nationwide plan.

of Tekoa, or a Jeremiah from Anathoth, or a John the Baptist from the Wilderness of Judea could stand in Amaziah's church, or Josiah's palace or in Zedekiah's cloistered court and proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.

Nothing would encourage the rural pastor more than to know that he is a vital part on the team of Southern Baptists. The same group playing ball all the time, does not encourage the man on the bench to develop very much.

4. During these five year periods of development, it would be to the advantage of our rural work if all the agencies and institutions of the convention would focus attention on the opportunities in the rural churches.

5. The final word is this: Those of us who are rural pastors should thank God for the places of service we have. If God called us to preach, and if he has placed us where we are, it would be dangerous for us and for the church if we get out of the will of God. Turn your difficulties into opportunities.

Let these scriptures point us to a more effective ministry: "This one thing I do. . . I press toward the mark. . ." Phil. 3:13, 14. "Give and it shall be given you good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over. . . for with what measure that ye mete. . . it shall be measured to you again," Luke 6:38. "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's the same shall save it," Mark 8:35.

"I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone; but if it die it bringeth forth much fruit," John 12:24. . .

Taking initiative in the evangelization of Asia, the convention also requested its board of evangelism to study the possibility of an Asian Baptist evangelistic conference. Japanese Baptists already plan to launch evangelism on Okinawa in September by sending a pastor-missionary team there.

The convention reported 62 Baptist Churches, with a membership of 7,552, and 48 chapels. Baptisms totaled 1,217.

Progress in stewardship, Sunday school work, publications, school and church construction, and hospital work was also noted. The convention's co-operative program goal was increased 20 per cent; and an estimated 40 per cent of the churches are now self-supporting.

Sunday school enrolment in the 110 churches and chapels approximates 12,000. With expansion in the facilities and personnel of the Jordan Press in Tokyo, publication of books, pamphlets, tracts, and Sunday school materials increased.

Nearing completion at Seinan Gakuin (Baptist University) at Fukuoka is the Rankin Memorial Chapel (named in memory of the late Dr. M. Theron Rankin).

Recently relocated on a new campus near Fukuoka, the Japan Baptist Seminary reported a record enrolment of 65 students.

The convention's education division reported 8,519 enrolled in schools and church kindergartens. Baptist schools in Japan now include 38 kindergartens enrolling 2,758, two high schools, two colleges, a woman's kindergarten training school, and a theological seminary.

Buntaro Kimura, pastor of the Hiroshima Baptist Church, was re-elected president.

While Dr. S. R. Woodson, pastor of First Church, Columbus, was away on vacation, Rev. Jams B. Parker, Chaplain of the Baptist Hospital in Jackson, supplied for him on Sunday, August 29. There were 800 in Sunday School, 269 in Training Union and 14 additions to the church.